The Military Law Task Force is a standing project of the National Lawyers Guild. It includes attorneys, legal workers, law students and “barracks lawyers” interested in military, veterans and draft issues.

Our roots go back to the NLG’s military law project of the late 1960’s and the publication of On Watch (a military law journal) beginning in the 1970’s.

The MLTF believes that the armed forces in the United States are used to carry out immoral interventionist foreign policy. That the U.S. military disregards the democratic and human rights of its own personnel as it seeks to maintain global dominance.

The Task Force assists lawyers, GI rights counselors, veterans and community activists opposing military policy. We provide support, mentorship and continuing education to MLTF members as well as to servicemembers directly. Many of our resources are available free of charge on our web site.

The Task Force’s activities include:

- trains and mentors legal workers, counselors and beginning military law attorneys in all aspects of military law via CLEs, workshops, training materials and direct communication
- sponsors seminars and workshops on the latest policy and regulations and other aspects of military and veteran’s law, produces educational materials on these issues, and provides support for members on particular cases or projects
- publishes a quarterly newsletter, On Watch, hosts a listserv on legal and political issues for Task Force members, and maintains a website (www.nlgmltf.org), a Facebook page and Twitter feed
- provides direct assistance to servicemembers, particularly around our priority areas, as well as AWOLs and discharges
- organizes legal and advocacy resources in the support of our program priorities, including GI resistance
- publishes thoughtful, accurate and relevant resources on military law that reflect our political perspective
- provides support to/partners with other groups in the pursuit of our mission

Organizational structure

National Lawyers Guild - MLTF is a standing committee of this national organization. See NLG.org.

Membership - Our members are members of the National Lawyers Guild. We have a diverse membership which includes legal workers, law students, lawyers and “barracks lawyers.”

Executive Director - The MLTF’s Executive Director is responsible for overseeing and supervising the day-to-day programmatic and administrative work of the Task Force. The Executive Director is answerable to the MLTF Steering Committee.

Steering Committee - The SC is composed of 10-15 MLTF members who are elected by our membership. The SC oversees the work of the MLTF, including decisions related to policy issues, staff and responding to immediate developments in our areas of work. Steering committee members also serve on committees and do much of the programmatic work of the MLTF.

Local committees and law panels - Local projects sponsored by NLG local and regional chapters.

How to support our work

1. Become a dues-paying member.
2. Make a one-time donation.
3. Join our sustaining donors program with a monthly gift.

Sustaining donors receive a complimentary subscription to On Watch, the MLTF quarterly law journal, as well as periodic email news bulletins. For more information, or to sign up, call us at (619) 463.2369 or visit our website at nlgmltf.org.
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If you are a lawyer:
Do you handle military cases? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Are you near any military bases? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, which base(s)?

Any other relevant info:

Benefits of MLTF membership:

- Early access to the latest issue of On Watch, a quarterly journal featuring timely articles on the various aspects of military law, GI rights, and military-related news of interest to our members.*
- Access to lively member listserv, where questions are welcome.
- Invitations to special events.
- Discount on military law CLEs at the NLG annual convention.
- Discounts on training materials.
- Mentorship opportunities.
- The opportunity to participate in MLTF committees and other programmatic work.
- Through dues, you help fund organizing and legal support for GIs and veterans engaged in the fight for peace and justice.

* Non-member subscriptions to On Watch are $20 a year.

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