Committee Chair Linda Strite Murnane called the meeting to order at 0830. A moment of silence was observed for those who have lost their lives in the service of their nation.

Minutes of Fall Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

House of Delegates
The Chair referred to the Resolutions in the agenda materials for the Mid Year meeting and noted the Committee is co-sponsoring Resolutions 105A (Veterans Courts) and 113 (Debt Relief for Military Lawyers), as previously decided through e-mail vote of the members of the Committee.

Model Code of Military Justice for the National Guard
Committee member Kay Wakatake referred to the draft of the Report and Recommendation for the Committee’s review. Committee member Gary Jackson has proposed some refinements or questions to resolve some issues with the existing Model Code in its present form. Gary will contact General Turley, National Guard, regarding these issues. The resolution will be reviewed the Committee’s at spring teleconference.

Sexual Assault Issues in the Department of Defense
Robert Reed, Department of Defense, briefed the Committee on the current status of sexual assault issues in the Department of Defense.

Military Readiness and Environmental Concerns
Ms. Wakatake updated the Committee on recent developments. The Committee will continue to study and follow this issue. Ms. Wakatake is deploying to Iraq, therefore, another Committee member will need to take on this responsibility.

Military Commissions
There was a discussion of issues related to the Military Commissions.

Expanded UCMJ Jurisdiction
Committee member George Ripplinger reported recent developments in this area. The Committee continues to follow this issue.

Robert Reed, DOD, briefed the Committee on matters pertaining to CEJA (Civilian Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act and MEJA (Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act).

Cox Commission
Committee member Gary Jackson reviewed current ABA policies that are similar to the recommendations in the Cox Commission report and only one recommendation in Cox II was voted on by the ABA. SCAFL has asked the Services for their comments on this issue.

ABA Board of Governors Liaison
R. Kinnan Goleman, Liaison, reported on the ABA Finance Committee and Board of Governors meetings.

**Open Forum**
Each of the Services reported on recent activities.

**Military Law Coordinating Committee**
Linda Murnane reported on a recent conference call with the Coordinating Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to consolidate a listing of all military activities within the ABA.

**ABA Membership**
The Committee discussed with the Service Advisors the ABA’s commitment to increasing membership of military lawyers.

**SCAFL Awards**
The Chair referred to the information in the agenda materials.

**Future Meetings**
The Spring meeting will be held via conference call due to budget constraints.

The meeting was adjourned at 1210.

Those in attendance were:

**Committee Members**
Linda Strite Murnane, Chair
Joseph DeWoskin
Gary Jackson
Marvin Lieber
George Ripplinger
Kay Wakatake

**ABA Staff Director**
Susan Koz

**ABA Board of Governors Liaison**
R. Kinnan Golemon

**Advisors and Guests**
Gary Anderson
Karen Fischer-Anderson
LTC Paulette Burton, USA
LtCol Leon Francis, USMC
Todd Frommeyer, USAF
Sparky Gierke, Sr. Judge, USCAAF
Don Guter, LAMP
David Hague
Thomas L. Hemingway, JAA
Fred Karasov
LTC Eric S. Krauss, USA
Sharon Kughru, USAF
CAPT Steve McCleary, USCG
Col Tim Ott, USMC
Robert Reed, DOD
Bryan S. Spencer  
MG Clyde “Butch” Tate, USA  
Alex White  
Major Traci Winston, NGB  

Committee Members Absent  
Genelle Vachon
Committee Chair Linda Strite Murnane called the meeting to order at 0805. A moment of silence was observed for those who have lost their lives in the service of their nation.

Minutes of Meeting
A motion to approve the minutes of the Spring Meeting teleconference was made and seconded. The minutes were approved.

Model Code of Military Justice for the National Guard Report & Recommendation
Committee member Gary Jackson has completed the work on the Resolution. Major General Turley and Colonel Barron are presenting to the Resolution to the prospective co-sponsors. The Report and Recommendation will be filed and presented at the 2011 Midyear Meeting.

ABA Budget
Chair Murnane reported that the Committee received a C-3 rating from the PEP Committee. A response to the low rating was sent to PEP expanding in more detail the importance of SCAFL to the American Bar Association. The Committee’s funding was cut from $11,500 to $2,000. As a result of this cut, the Committee will not be able to hold in-person meetings. An appeal to the budget cut was submitted and denied.

Sexual Assault Issues in the Department of Defense
Robert Reed, Department of Defense, briefed the Committee on the current status of sexual assault issues in the Department of Defense.

Military Readiness and Environmental Concerns
Committee member Rodger Drew updated the Committee on recent developments. The Committee will continue to study and follow this issue.

Don’t Ask Don’t Tell
The ABA has taken a position of urging the repeal of the policy. Chair Murnane was asked by the ABA to review the letter sent urging the repeal. She was also included on a list of attorneys available to assist the Services in their review of policies and regulations which may require revision should Congress act to repeal the Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell legislation.

Expanded UCMJ Jurisdiction
Robert Reed, DOD, briefed the Committee on matters pertaining to MEJA (Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act).

Report from U.S.C.A.A.F.
Chief Judge Andrew Effron gave a report on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces’ activities.

Reports from Service Representatives
Each Service Judge Advocate General, or its representative, reported to the committee on their respective Service’s activities. Copies of the reports were provided to attendees, detailing diversity, recruitment, and legal activities. The Services reported that there is concern that the retention bonus payments intended to assist military attorneys who want to stay on active duty to pay off student loans are less effective because they are considered taxable income. There may
be interest in seeking ABA support for making these tax free benefits. The SCAFL indicated that they would stand by for a request for assistance from the Services on this if they intend to proceed.

**ABA Board of Governors Liaison**
R. Kinnan Goleman, Liaison, reported on the Board of Governors meeting.

**ABA Coordinating Committee for Veterans Benefits**
George Ripplinger, SCAFL’s liaison reported on the Committee’s activities.

**ABA Special Committee on Disaster Response**
Committee member Rodger Drew will be SCAFL’s liaison to this Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1100.

Those in attendance were:

**Committee Members**
Linda Strite Murnane, Chair
Joseph DeWoskin
Rodger Drew
Marvin Lieber
George Ripplinger

**ABA Board of Governors Liaison**
Kinnan Goleman

**ABA Staff Director**
Susan Koz

**Advisors and Guests**
Major General Vaughn Ary, Staff Judge Advocate to the Commandant of the Marine Corps
LTC Christopher Carrier, USA
Lieutenant General Dana Chipman, The Judge Advocate General, US Army
Brian Cobb
Chief Judge Andy Effron, USCAAF
LtCol Leon Francis, USMC
Senior Judge Sparky Gierke, USCAAF
Alan Goldsmith
Ken Goldsmith, ABA Government Affairs
Lieutenant General Richard Harding, The Judge Advocate General, USAir Force
Paul Haskins, LAMP
Cynthia Holt, USAF
Vice Admiral James Houck, , The Judge Advocate General, US Navy
Major Conrad Huygen, USAF
Calvin M. Lederer, Deputy Judge Advocate General, US Coast Guard
Michael Melocowsky, USN
Mary Card-Mina, USA
Robert Reed, DOD Office of the General Counsel
Lt Col Terri Saunders
Bryan Spencer
Jason Vail
Alexander White
Committee Chair Linda Strite Murnane called the meeting to order at 0800. A moment of silence was observed for those who have lost their lives in the service of their nation.

**Minutes**

The Chair referred to the minutes of the 15 March conference call meeting and the minutes of the 12 April meeting. She asked that any revisions to the minutes be sent via email.

**LAMP, USCAAF and Service Updates**

A report on recent activities was given from the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military Personnel, U.S. Court of Appeals for Armed Services and each of the Services.

The Committee paid tribute and thanked Chief Judge Andrew Effron, CAAF for his work on the Court and his effortless dedication including his support of SCAFL and the ABA.

**Sexual Assault Issues in the Department of Defense**

Robert Reed, Department of Defense, briefed the Committee on the current status of sexual assault issues in the Department of Defense.

**Expanded UCMJ Jurisdiction**

Robert Reed, DOD, briefed the Committee on matters pertaining to MEJA (Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act).

**Update on SPICE**

The Committee received an update from the Services on procedures for testing for SPICE. There have been some discharges as a result of the prosecution from possession and use of SPICE.

**ABA Board of Governors**

Kinnan Golemon reported on behalf of the ABA Board of Governors about improvements in ABA management, fiscal challenges, the ABA headquarters building, membership, and a task force on the Annual Meeting.

It was reported that the Committee’s budget was restored to its pre-2009 level of $11,000 for FY2012.

**ABA Law Student Division**

Andrew Bennett expressed to the committee that the Law Student Division’s biggest concern at the moment is the state of the legal job market. He applauded the services’ efforts to consider all law schools and factors beyond grades and their continuing commitment to offer paid, rather than unpaid, internships.

**Passing the Gavel**

Chair Linda Strite Murnane passed the gavel to the new chair, Major General John D. Altenburg, Jr. (U.S. Army ret.).

The meeting was adjourned at 1130.
Those in attendance were:

**Committee Members**
Linda Strite Murnane, Chair
John D. Altenburg, Jr., Incoming Chair
Rodger Drew
Marvin Lieber

**ABA Board of Governors Liaison**
Kinnan Goleman

**ABA Law Student Liaison**
Andrew Mark Bennett

**ABA Staff Director**
Susan Koz

**Advisors and Guests**
Vaughn Ary, USMC
Dana K. Chipman, USA
Judge Andrew Effron, CAAF
Joel England, USAF
Eugene Fidell
Leon Francis, USMC
Don Guter
Rich Harding, USAF
Jim Houck, USN
Frederick Kenney, USCG
Lt Col Mary Card Mina, USA
Cameron Nelson
Chuck Pede, USA
Steve Poulin, USCG
Robert Reed, DOD Office of the General Counsel
Capt. Sandra Selman, USCG
Caitlin Stapleton
Jason Vail, LAMP
Alexander White, Incoming SCAFL Member
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4 February 2012
New Orleans, LA

Committee Chair John D. Altenburg, Jr., called the meeting to order at 0815. The Chair introduced the Service Representatives and the Committee Members.

Minutes
The Chair referred to the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. The minutes were approved.

LAMP, USCAAF and Service Updates
A report on recent activities was given from the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military Personnel, U.S. Court of Appeals for Armed Services and each of the Services.

Sexual Assault Issues in the Department of Defense
Robert Reed, Department of Defense, briefed the Committee on the current status of sexual assault issues in the Department of Defense. Mr. Reed reported to the Committee on the recent incidence of hazing in the military.

Expanded UCMJ Jurisdiction
Robert Reed, DOD, briefed the Committee on matters pertaining to MEJA (Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act).

Other DOD Issues
The Committee discussed hate crimes under the UCMJ. Robert Reed reported on revisions to Article 120 taking effect in June, revisions to evidentiary rules, changes to the manual for courts martial, and revisions following the end of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

SPICE Update
Robert Reed updated the Committee on the issues surrounding SPICE, which continues to be a major problem. All of the Services have signed memoranda prohibiting the use of SPICE and "bath salts," but they are not listed in the drug statute. Testing continues to be a difficult, if not impossible, impediment to prosecution.

Visit from ABA President
ABA President Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III visited the Committee as a show of support and stressed the importance of proper court funding.

Guantanamo Letter
Col. Rodger Drew reported that the military would soon have a response to ABA President Robinson's letter to the Secretary of Defense.

ABA Law Student Division
Andrew Bennett updated the Committee on the Division's recent activities and reported back to the Services with an applicant's perspective on the previous JAG recruiting cycle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1100.
Those in attendance were:

**Committee Members**
John D. Altenburg, Jr, Chair
Rodger Drew
John Han
Gary Jackson
Marvin Lieber
Linda Strite Murnane
Alexander White

**ABA Law Student Liaison**
Andrew Mark Bennett

**ABA Staff Director**
Susan Koz

**Advisors and Guests**
Gary Anderson
Joseph Bowe, USMC
RADM Nan DeRenzi, USN
Andrew Effron, Sr. Judge, CAAF
Dave Ehrhart, LAMP
Joel England, USAF
Sparky Geirke, Sr. Judge, CAAF
Christopher A. Kennebeck, USA
Cal Lederer, USCG
Maj Gen Steve Lepper, USAF
Lt Col Mary Card Mina, USA
Robert Reed, DOD Office of the General Counsel
Bill Robinson, ABA President
Capt. Sandra Selman, USCG
Col Sharon Shaffer, USAF
Clyde J. “Butch” Tate, USA
Dr. Jarris L. Taylor, Jr. USAF
Suzan Thompson, USMC
Jason Vail, LAMP
Committee Chair John D. Altenburg, Jr., called the meeting to order at 0830. The Chair thanked Committee members Linda Murnane and Marvin Lieber for their outstanding service on the Committee as their terms ended.

Minutes
The Chair referred to the minutes of the 2012 Midyear Meeting. The minutes were approved.

USCAAF, LAMP and Service Updates
A report on recent activities was given from the Standing Committee on Legal Assistance to Military Personnel, U.S. Court of Appeals for Armed Services and each of the Armed Services.

ABA Board of Governors Liaison Report
Kinnan Goleman reported on the Board of Governors Meeting.

SPICE Update
Robert Reed updated the Committee on the issues surrounding SPICE, which continues to be a major problem. All of the Services have signed memoranda prohibiting the use of SPICE and "bath salts," but they are not listed in the drug statute. Testing continues to be a difficult, if not impossible, impediment to prosecution.

SCAFL’s Report and Recommendation 114-Opposition to the STOP Act
Mr. Altenburg reported the Committee withdrew Report and Recommendation 114 because there was a consensus that in order for it to pass the House of Delegates more education and discussions with the opposing groups would be required.

ABA Law Student Division
Anaili Sandoval updated the Committee on the Division's recent activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 1115.

Those in attendance were:
Committee Members
John D. Altenburg, Jr, Chair
Rodger Drew
Marvin Lieber
Linda Strite Murnane
Alexander White
ABA Board of Governors Liaison
Kinnan Goleman
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