



LEGAL SERVICES AVAILABLE DURING THE MEB/PEB

The Ft. Lewis Office of Soldiers' Counsel (FLOSC) is available to help Soldiers throughout the different stages of the Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) and Physical Evaluation Board (PEB) processes. We are a division of the I Corps & Ft. Lewis Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Soldiers' counsel advise and represent Soldiers, not commanders or members of the MEB/PEB, about their legal rights as they work through the Army's disability evaluation system. The FLOSC gives a general overview briefing daily or you can meet individually with an attorney.

Soldiers' Counsel Can Provide the Following Services:

Upon Receiving a P3 Profile or Entering the MEB Process:

- Provide general information about the process and a Soldier's rights

Upon Receiving a DA Form 3947 (Report of Medical Board) and prior to signing:

- Review your Medical Board and provide case-specific advice and advocacy
- Ensure Soldiers understand their option to concur or non-concur (e.g., request additional medical treatment or evaluation, challenge MEB findings, etc.) and whether to request to continue to serve in the Army
- Counsel will help the Soldier begin to develop a strategy to the achieve desired outcome

Upon Receiving the Informal PEB Decision:

- Review the results with the Soldier and explain the legal framework for the PEB's decision
- Advise Soldiers of their rights to dispute the findings, request a formal hearing, request counsel, etc. and assist you in making an informed election of rights
- Create and implement a plan to maximize the Soldier's desired outcome (e.g., fit for duty, higher disability rating, service connection, combat-related designation, etc.) at the PEB

The Formal PEB Hearing:

- If the Soldier elects a formal hearing with representation by Soldiers' Counsel, we will provide candid advice regarding likely and possible outcomes, help identify and obtain supporting evidence, and zealously advocate before the PEB on your behalf

Appeals from the Formal PEB Hearing:

- Counsel can help determine whether an appeal would be effective and assist the Soldier in gathering evidence and writing the appeal

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