

**JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PANEL
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION SET # 6**

134. (Update to JPP RFI 30) Services: How many SVC courses does your Service plan to host each year? Are SVC courses coordinated among the Services?

USA	The Army hosts two SVC Certification Courses and one Child Course, open to all Services and components each year. SVC will also participate in the sexual assault training advocacy course with trial counsel and defense counsel. SVC courses are coordinated among the Services.
USAF	In FY15, there were two SVC courses at the Air Force JAG School; in FY16, the Air Force will conduct one SVC course, which will cover both basic SVC certification as well as child certification. In FY15, the Air Force SVC course was attended by other Service SVCs/VLCs. The Air Force SVC course included instructors from other Services and the National Guard to ensure collaboration and the presentation of other Service perspectives. Also in FY15, Air Force SVCs attended child and adult certification courses conducted by the Army. Recently, the Army and the Air Force set up a working group to review the basic SVC certification and child certification course requirements in order to standardize course content.
USN	In January 2014, the Navy held its initial VLC Training & Certification Course in Newport, RI, at the Naval Justice School. Ten newly assigned Navy VLC, four USMC VLC and five USCG SVC completed the course. As the Navy initially staffed its VLC Program with active duty and reserve judge advocates with 36 month orders (Reserve Definite Recalls), and only a third of the original 29 VLC billets have turned over, repeat Navy training for additional VLC has not been necessary given access to the Army and Air Force SVC courses, which provide similar training. VLC/SVC training courses are coordinated among the services. Although the Navy has not hosted another VLC training since January 2014, we routinely provide instructors to teach at the Army and Air Force SVC when Navy VLC are in attendance.
USMC	The Marine Corps does not host any certification courses, and opts to utilize those certification courses hosted by the Army and Air Force. However, the Marine Corps hosts one advanced training course for Marine Corps VLC annually. This training is held approximately six months after the summer VLC certification courses. The other services in the local area have been invited to hear certain speakers. Additionally, each of the four regions host a regional training conference that SVCs and VLCs from the other services have been invited to attend.
USCG	As noted above, this year the Coast Guard is hosting an SVC course. It will not serve as an SVC certification course but will cover in-depth subjects and practices unique to the Coast Guard. The Coast Guard intends to continue to attend the SVC certification courses provided by the sister service JAG schools for SVC certification purposes.