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30. Services: How many SVC courses does your Service plan to host each year? Are SVC courses coordinated among the Services?

USA	<p>Since the inception of the SVC Program, the Army has held four SVC Courses. The Army plans to hold two SVC Training courses, two SVC Continuing Education Courses, two Child Victim Courses, and one Advanced Child Victim Training Course in 2015. Other Services are invited to attend. The Judge Advocate General’s Legal Center and School reserves slots each course for non-Army student. Currently TJAGLCS has two Marine instructors assigned to TJAGLCS who teach at each course and a guest instructor from the Air Force at each course.</p>
USAF	<p>Two SVC Courses are planned in January and May 2015 at the Air Force Judge Advocate General’s School (AFJAGS). The upcoming courses will continue to include sessions to train both incoming SVCs regarding representation of adult sexual assault victims and more experienced SVCs regarding child representation.</p> <p>SVCs will continue to attend Intermediate Sexual Assault Litigation Course (ISALC) courses as well. This one-week course is taught several times each year at AFJAGS and at various base locations throughout the world. This course provides trial and defense counsel and Special Victims’ Counsel updates on evolving aspects of military trial practice; practical lessons on securing and using evidence and experts; litigating MRE 412 “rape shield” provisions and exceptions, MRE 513 psychotherapist-patient privilege, and MRE 514 victim advocate-victim privilege; and courtroom skills practice for sexual assault cases. A forensic psychologist teaches a block of instruction. Students hear from senior leaders, receive instruction from experienced litigators, and network with other counsel.</p> <p>AFJAGS periodically offers webcasts and distance education modules on sexual assault topics available to all judge advocates and paralegals. This technology allows AFJAGS to train the entire JAG Corps on changes in the law and updates relevant legal issues almost immediately after the changes are put into effect. The most recent training topic offered in 2014 was a SVC update on child representation.</p> <p>AFJAGS hosted a SVC course for our sister services in October 2013. When seats in other AF SVC courses are available, SVCs and VLCs from our sister services are invited to attend. The US Army SVC Program Manager attended the May 2014 course in order to develop the child representation training for Army SVCs. Additionally, the Army National Guard Program Manager and several other Army National Guard SVCs attended the May 2014 course.</p> <p>SVC course information such as agendas or invited speakers is a topic of discussion at the Joint Program Managers’ meetings. Feedback from attendees regarding the course or instructors is also shared.</p>
USN	<p>Navy VLCP expects there to be at least one course offered each year. VLC/SVC training courses are consistently coordinated among the Services and Navy also takes advantage of courses offered by the other Services when the timing of those courses are more beneficial to newly reporting VLC personnel.</p>

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USMC	VLCO will host one organization-wide training event annually. Additionally, each RVLC will conduct a regional training event annually. VLCO personnel will also attend training events hosted by other Services.
USCG	The Coast Guard does not currently plan to host an SVC course. Rather, we will continue to attend those courses provided by the other service JAG schools.