

## **AREA DEFENSE COUNSEL - 850-884-5216**

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Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 0830 - 1630

**NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE BASE LEGAL OFFICE**



The Hurlburt Field Area Defense Counsel (ADC) is comprised of two experienced active-duty attorneys and a paralegal. Unlike the legal professionals at the legal office, ADCs do not work for any Commander assigned to Hurlburt Field Air Force Base, FL. This organizational structure allows the ADC to advocate fervently on behalf of Airmen in their command. Client communications with the ADC are covered by the Attorney-Client Privilege and held strictly confidential and their counsel is free.

The ADC may represent active-duty members in suspected actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice at Courts-Martial and Non-Judicial Punishment (Article 15). They also represent clients in a variety of other actions, including Administrative Discharges, Administrative Demotions, Letters of Counseling, Admonishment, and Reprimands, Referral Performance Reports, Officer Grade Determinations, Promotion Propriety Actions, Accident and Safety Investigations, Flying Evaluation Boards, Line of Duty Determinations, Medical Officer Decredentialing Boards, Reports of Survey, and Denial/Revocation of Security Clearance. Furthermore, ADCs can assist while law enforcement or command is still investigating before any action is taken against an airman. Please keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive list. Moreover, Airmen are encouraged to consult with the ADC office regarding their specific matters.

If you would like to set up an appointment, please call **850-884-5216**. If you reach the voicemail, please leave a message and the ADC will get back with you within one duty day. For emergencies after hours, the ADC can be reached through the command post.

### **Article 31 Rights**

If a member is suspected of an offense and/or read their Article 31 rights, they have the absolute right to remain silent and consult an attorney prior to making any statements. Any statements made, oral or written, may be used as evidence against them in a trial by court-martial or in other judicial or administrative proceedings. If a member chooses to exercise their right to counsel, it cannot be held against them and the ADC will be available to help.