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## **Tax Season Reminder**

As 2017 arrives and you consider your priorities and resolutions for the New Year, don't forget that **tax season** is here again!

Luckily, the Keesler Air Force Base Legal Office is gearing up with our volunteer force to help! The Legal Office, with the support of a team of dedicated volunteers, operates the Tax Center, which is designed to help servicemembers and retirees with any and all parts of the tax process, including free filing of state and federal tax returns. This service is particularly beneficial to students in the training environment, many of whom have never filed their own taxes before.

If you are interested in volunteering to become, or receiving assistance from, one of our trained professionals in the Tax Center, there are a couple of important details to be aware of:

- The Tax Office will open starting in late January 2017 and will remain open through the tax season.
- Training to become a volunteer will run from January 18-202017 and will last all day. Volunteers <u>must</u> attend the training to learn the ins and outs of the tax program.
- This free service is **heavily in demand**, meaning that it is done on appointment basis only. Once it is open, the main line for the Tax Center is 228-376-8141.







# Off-Duty Employment as an Uber Driver

Uber is here on the Gulf Coast, ushering in an entirely new type of transportation for our Airmen. However, as permanent party at a training base, we must all be aware of special rules that guide our interactions with the Training Group Airmen. These include:

- Per DoDI 1304.33, recruiters and trainers providing entry level training WILL NOT allow any students into your private vehicles — with the very limited exceptions of official business or when their safety or welfare is at risk.
- Off-Duty Employment (ODE) rules still apply!
  - All parties seeking ODE must complete an AF IMT 3902, which shows you are compliant with DoD 5500.7-R, the Joint Ethics Regulation.
  - The relevant provisions of the AF IMT 3902 affecting aspiring Uber drivers include the following—the job may not:
    - Interfere with or be incompatible with your government duties;
    - · Endanger your health or safety;
    - Require action at any time as a sales agent for the purpose of personal commercial solicitation of military personnel junior in rank or grade.

<u>Bottom line</u>: While there is not an outright prohibition against being an Uber driver, be aware that lots of rules still apply!

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Don't forget to send us or bring in your ticket number!



### Wills Appointments

By Appointment Only Tuesday (9-10 a.m.) Thursday (2-3 p.m.)

### **Legal Assistance**

By Appointment Only Monday (1:30-3:30 p.m.) Wednesday (9-11 a.m.)

Powers of Attorney & Notaries
WALK-INS

Mon-Fri (8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)