



TORII LEGAL ASSISTANCE

OFFICE OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE



WHAT IS A GENERAL OFFICER MEMORANDUM OF REPRIMAND (GOMOR)?

A GOMOR is a Letter of Reprimand by a general officer, or officer with general courts-martial jurisdiction concerning a Soldier under his or her chain of command. At the general officer's discretion, a GOMOR may be filed in the Soldier's Military Personnel Record Jacket (MPRJ, or "local file") or in his/her Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR).

HOW DO I RESPOND TO A GOMOR?

Immediately contact the legal assistance office if you receive a GOMOR and want to submit a rebuttal. Since the GOMOR is "unfavorable information," Under Army Regulation 600-37 you are entitled to reply to the allegations made against you before a decision is made to file the letter. You may make a written statement to deny, rebut, explain, or mitigate the GOMOR. You will have a reasonable time to prepare and submit your written statement (usually 7-10 days). Normally your statement should **address the underlying facts** (whether you choose to deny, explain mitigating circumstances, or admit your actions and ask for a second chance) of the GOMOR, and argue for a particular filing determination. If the letter is filed, your statement will be attached.

Your Legal Assistance Attorney can assist you with your rebuttal. Before your appointment, type out a draft rebuttal using your unit letterhead and office symbol and email it to your legal assistance attorney. Call 644-4332 for the appropriate email address.

You should include supporting documents. If you have witnesses to certain events, list their name and units when they are mentioned, and obtain separate written statements (preferably sworn statements) from them. You should also enclose copies of your most recent favorable ratings, letters attesting to your character, and awards received. Your legal assistance attorney will assist you in editing and refining your rebuttal statement. After the rebuttal is complete and signed, turn it into the Officer who read you the GOMOR. Also make sure you keep a scanned copy.

If you cannot make the suspense to submit your rebuttal, be sure to request an extension. Contact your legal assistance attorney for assistance with requesting an extension.