



Torii Claims Assistance



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KEEP THE MONEY IN THE UNIT

We are all looking for ways to save money. The Army is also looking to save money. One way that you can help your unit save money is explained in this article.

What happens if a government vehicle is damaged by a private vehicle (POV)?

If a Department of the Army vehicle is damaged by a private party on Okinawa, the Army Claims Office is one of the first offices that you should call. The Army Claims Office will assert a claim against the private party and their insurance company and either collect the money for the cost to repair (or the market value of the government vehicle if not economical to repair) or obtain an agreement from the private party to repair the damaged government by having them make direct payment to a commercial garage to repair the vehicle.

The **Miscellaneous Receipts Act** requires that any money collected from private parties for damage to government property is deposited into the General Fund of the US Treasury (Miscellaneous Receipts) and not back to your unit.

Since the money collected cannot be kept locally, it is usually beneficial to the unit for the claims office to try to work out an agreement where the private party or their insurance carrier agrees to pay a commercial garage directly for the repairs. Please keep in mind that this "Repair in Kind" agreement is voluntary and the other party cannot be forced into agreeing to such an arrangement. Only the claims office should be negotiating such agreements and vehicles should not be taken to commercial garages until the agreement is executed and you are advised by the claims office.

If your government vehicle is damaged by a private party, remember to contact the Army Claims office as soon as possible and discuss having the private party pay the repair garage for the damage. This will keep your unit from having to pay to repair the vehicle. It is important that any such agreements with private parties be in writing and supervised by the Army Claims Office. You can call the Claims Office on Torii Station for more information at 644-4742.