



# *Torii Claims Assistance*



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## **Proper Party Claimants**

The most common claims filed with Military Claims Offices are claims filed under the Personnel Claims Act (PCA) and the Military Claims Act (MCA)

The PCA authorizes payment for the fair market value of personal property lost, damaged, or destroyed incident to service. Claims on Okinawa usually involve loss or damage that occurred during the shipment of household goods or unaccompanied baggage, or claims resulting from a typhoon. Other claims under the PCA include claims resulting from fire, flood, theft, vandalism, and storage.

The MCA authorizes payment for personal injury, death, or damage to, or loss or destruction of property if caused by an act or omission of DoD that is determined to be negligent or wrongful, or incident to the noncombat activities of the Armed Forces.

## **Claimants**

U.S. Army Soldiers on active duty, Department of the Army Civilian employees and other DoD employees are proper party claimants under both the PCA and MCA and eligible to file a claim with the Military Claims Office.

Others are not considered proper party claimants under either the PCA or MCA, but depending on their status may be able to file a claim under the United States Status of Forces Agreement with Japan (SOFA). Claims under the SOFA are filed with the Okinawa Defense Bureau, Ministry of Defense (Government of Japan).