



7th Army Training Command Legal Assistance Information

## Tax Filing Tips and On-Line Resources

USAREUR will not offer face-to-face tax preparation and filing services this year; however, with the right tax software you can save time and money, and file your taxes correctly. Or, you may wish to hire a commercial preparer to file your taxes.

As a first step, it's important to decide what best fits your needs. Some factors to consider include the complexity of your taxes, your tax willingness, and ability to do your own tax work, and cost.

Regardless of what you decide, whether you choose a paid preparer or take advantage of a free on-line filing services, you remain responsible for filing a complete and accurate return.

<b>IRS: Free File</b>	
Eligibility:	All filers with income below \$66,000
For More Information:	<a href="https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free">https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free</a>

<b>MilitaryOneSource, MILTAX</b> (MilitaryOneSource also offers access to tax consultants who can answer questions.)	
Eligibility:	Active duty military. Retired and honorably discharged members are authorized for up to 180-days past separation. Spouses, dependent children and survivors are able to use the free services as well.

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For More Information:	<a href="https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-services">https://www.militaryonesource.mil/financial-legal/tax-resource-center/miltax-military-tax-services</a>
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<b>Commercial &amp; Non-Government Tax Assistance</b>		
TaxSlayer: Free Tax Return for Active Duty Military Taxes	<a href="https://www.taxslayer.com/products/taxslayer-military">https://www.taxslayer.com/products/taxslayer-military</a>	Active duty military can file a federal return for \$0 using TaxSlayer Classic.
TurboTax Military	<a href="https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/military-edition.jsp">https://turbotax.intuit.com/personal-taxes/online/military-edition.jsp</a>	Free federal and state filing with Free Edition or Deluxe for E-1 through E-5.

## Documents You Will Need to File Your Taxes

When using any tax preparation software or paid service you will need to have certain documents available. The most important documents you should have ready include last year's tax return and this year's W-2s.

You will also need the following:

- Social Security Card/SSNs for all persons claimed on the tax return
- Real estate tax documents including mortgage interest statements (Form 1098)
- Alimony, child support, or related payment agreements
- Investment tax documents (Form 1099)
- Any documented income from rental properties
- Records of moving expenses related to a new military assignment, retirement, separation, etc.
- Receipts/documentation for deductibles
- Child and dependent care information

For those using software, it's likely you'll need your prior year return to set up an account. Once you've created an account, follow the prompts to input data from your current year tax documents. Finally, use your prior year return to check your current return. Did you remember to include all bank and interest bearing accounts, student loan interest, child care expenses, etc?

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