

AWOL / Military Deserter

Generally, when a service member is away from command without authorization for up to 30 days, he or she is deemed absent without leave (AWOL) in violation of Article 86 the Uniform Code of Military Justice. After that, the service member is dropped from the rolls of the military and classified as a deserter in violation of Article 85. Federal warrants are usually issued for the arrest of deserters, and if they are stopped by law enforcement authorities – even at a traffic stop – they will likely be arrested and transferred to the military. **How We Can Help**

It is generally better for service members in AWOL or deserter status to voluntarily return to the military than to have an AWOL or desertion terminated by apprehension. By pro-actively presenting mitigating factors, such as financial or family problems, you improve your chances of the military treating you with leniency, as compared to how you might be treated if you had to be “brought in” by the police. Don’t wait. You never know when you might be stopped by a police officer and returned to the military. Call Tully Rinckey PLLC in Rochester, N.Y. today to talk to an experienced military law attorney and explore your options. The military law attorneys at Tully Rinckey PLLC in Rochester, N.Y. can represent service members throughout New York’s Finger Lakes region, including Batavia, Geneseo, Rochester, Canandaigua, Albion, Waterloo, Lyons, Warsaw, and Penn Yan. To schedule a consultation with a military lawyer, call us at 585-492-4700 or e-mail at info@1888law4life.com

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