

What is the difference between the MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney and the Soldier's Counsel?

An MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney is your primary attorney through the MEB process. The Soldier's Counsel assists you from the time that you request a formal PEB hearing. An MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney will coordinate and work with your Soldier's Counsel, but the Soldier's Counsel will present your case and be an advocate for you in front of the board.

How can a Soldier's Counsel help me with my formal hearing?

The Office of the Soldier's Counsel is located at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. An attorney will meet with you prior to your hearing to discuss your case. Your counsel will assist you in gathering relevant evidence and presenting your case at your hearing.

If I am unhappy with the outcome of my formal hearing can the Soldier's Counsel assist me with an appeal?

Yes. Not all cases have grounds for appeal, but Soldier's Counsel can identify reasons for appeal if they exist and can advise you on whether appealing is in your best interest. Soldier's Counsel can help ensure that an appropriate appeal is drafted and submitted within the time limits set by the PEB.



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Our goal is to provide you with information that allows you to make informed decisions and fully participate in your MEB/PEB processes.

Can the MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney make my doctor change his or her notes or my Narrative Summary (NARSUM)?

No. MEB/PEB Outreach Attorneys are not doctors and cannot make a doctor change his or her medical opinion. However, if you receive your DA Form 3947 and you disagree with the MEB doctors' determinations, you can disagree with the findings and appeal or make a request for impartial medical review.

What can I do now that will help me later on during the process?

You can start by getting copies of all your medical records and ask for a copy of each printout after every appointment. You also can begin to decide what your goal is during this process, such as a finding of fit and return to duty or a finding of separation with an appropriate rating. Once you decide on your goal, we can give you general advice on what evidence will be most helpful to meet that goal.

I know I want to be found fit and returned to duty. What can I do to help make that happen?

You can talk to your doctor about changing your profile to a P2 and limiting the amount of restrictions imposed. If at all possible, perform your PMOS duties, ensure your command is aware of your performance. If you cannot perform your PMOS duties then perform duties that are as close as possible to your PMOS. Additionally, coordinate with your supervisor for permission to perform as many basic Soldier skills (as listed in Block 5 of your profile) as possible and take and pass an APFT. Ensure your supervisors document all of your efforts.

I received my DA Form 3947 and do not know if I should agree with it. Can I see an attorney?

Yes. An MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney can look at any records you provide and speak with you regarding your rights. You only have seven calendar days from the time you receive your DA Form 3947 to make your election. Call 254-287-9409 as soon as possible after you receive your packet to make an appointment.

My case was referred by the MEB to the PEB. I received a DA Form 199, and I disagree with the outcome. What can I do?

You have several options, including requesting a formal hearing so that you can appear personally in front of the PEB. You may discuss your case with an MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney who will review the documents and discuss your goals to determine the best course of action. Schedule an appointment soon after receiving your DA Form 199 because you only have ten calendar days from the time you receive your DA Form 199 to respond.

I've requested a formal board and to be represented by military counsel. What should I do next?

You will be represented by an attorney from the Office of Soldier's Counsel (OSC). An MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney will not represent you at the formal board. However, he or she can coordinate with OSC to find out who will be your assigned counsel and can let your OSC attorney know about any issues in your case.



I'm going through the MEB/PEB process. Are attorneys available to help me?

Yes. For questions involving your legal rights during the MEB, you can speak with an MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney at the Fort Hood Client Services Office. If you disagree with the informal PEB decision, an attorney can help you request a formal hearing and coordinate with the Office of Soldier's Counsel to find out which attorney will be appointed to represent you at the formal board hearing at Fort Sam Houston.

What can the MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney do for me?

An MEB/PEB Outreach Attorney can provide numerous services to Soldiers who are going through the MEB/PEB process. At the beginning of your case, we can provide general advice and assistance to develop a strategy to reach your desired outcome. As you progress through the system, we can provide more specific advice. If your case goes to a formal PEB hearing, we can provide advocacy and a smooth transition to the Office of Soldier's Counsel (OSC) who will represent you at the formal hearing.