

## JOINING THE ARMED SERVICES WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD

Each branch of the military requires applicants to meet rigorous moral character standards, and each must apply with federal regulations when it comes to accepting applicants with a criminal record. Moral character screening is the process by which recruiters review applicants' credit and criminal backgrounds. The standards screen out persons who may become serious disciplinary cases and who could bring harm to the military mission. In addition to the initial screening, recruiters conduct interviews of applicants with criminal backgrounds.

While the military may still have access to criminal records after expungement or sealing and they need to be disclosed by the applicant, the affect of the records is reduced when a court of law finds the person rehabilitated enough to deserve expungement or sealing. is highly recommended to clear your record to the fullest extent possible before applying for the armed services or any type of employment.



## OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD

All states have legal remedies for individuals who have a criminal record. There is some form of relief for almost any type of criminal record. The type of relief that is available to you will depend on what is on your criminal record and in which state the offense occurred. In California, any arrest and/or criminal case, even if it was dismissed or occurred as a juvenile, will show up on your official California Department of Justice report (Livescan Report). This report is your official rap sheet.

## MORE DETAILED INFORMATION

You can read more about what types of criminal records would require a waiver before being accepted into the armed services and the waiver process at the following web sites:

<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/armyjoin/a/criminal.-u59.htm>

<http://www.todaysmilitary.com/faq/entrance-requirements>

<http://www.recordgone.com/articles/join-military-with-criminal-record.htm>

## FREE INFORMATION ABOUT CLEARING YOUR RECORD

Recordgone.com (Higbee & Associates)

State Bar Associations

Recordclearing.org

Public Defender's Office

This information is provided by The Law Offices of Higbee and Associates. They will provide any interested in joining the armed services a free consultation to review what options there are to clear your criminal record. They can provide you information about clearing your record in AZ, CA, FL, NV, MI, MN, NJ, NY, PA, UT, TX and WA. You can obtain a free consultation over the phone by calling 877-573-7273 or going to RecordGone.com.