

**UNITED STATES CODE ANNOTATED
TITLE 10. ARMED FORCES
SUBTITLE A--GENERAL MILITARY LAW
PART II--PERSONNEL
CHAPTER 53--MISCELLANEOUS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS**

Section 1044a. Authority to Act as Notary.

(a) The persons named in subsection (b) have the general powers of a notary public and of a consul of the United States in the performance of all notarial acts to be executed by any of the following:

- (1) Members of any of the armed forces.
- (2) Other persons eligible for legal assistance under the provisions of section 1044 of this title or regulations of the Department of Defense.
- (3) Persons serving with, employed by, or accompanying the armed forces outside the United States and outside the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.
- (4) Other persons subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (chapter 47 of this title) outside the United States.

(b) Persons with the powers described in subsection (a) are the following:

- (1) All judge advocates, including reserve judge advocates when not in a duty status.
- (2) All civilian attorneys serving as legal assistance officers.
- (3) All adjutants, assistant adjutants, and personnel adjutants, including reserve members when not in a duty status.
- (4) All other members of the armed forces, including reserve members when not in a duty status, who are designated by regulations of the armed forces or by statute to have those powers.

(c) No fee may be paid to or received by any person for the performance of a notarial act authorized in this section.

(d) The signature of any such person acting as notary, together with the title of that person's offices, is prima facie evidence that the signature is genuine, that the person holds the designated title, and that the person is authorized to perform a notarial act.

End.