

The background of the document features a large, faint watermark of the AFRICOM logo. It is a circular emblem with a blue outer ring containing the text "AFRICOM" at the top and "AFRICOM" at the bottom. Inside the ring is a map of the African continent in green, with a red and white striped banner across it. The banner contains the text "AFRICOM" in white. The entire logo is set against a light blue background with white stars.

HQ AFRICOM

International Law Attorney

Command: HQ AFRICOM

Grade: O-5 (motivated O-4 is acceptable)

Location: Stuttgart, Germany

Start Date: October 1st, 2025 – September 30th, 2026 (possible earlier start if applying early)

Standard Tour: 1-year ADOS (extension into FY27 possible)

Position Description / Requirements

Augments AFRICOM staff during contingencies and crisis situations; advises the Legal Counsel and members of the AFRICOM Staff on international and operational matters. Analyzes and interprets international agreements, other international authorities, and domestic law and determines their effect on AFRICOM operations and potential courses of action. Provides advice and counsel on a wide range of legal authority, policy, and guidance regarding AFRICOM activities conducted in support of the Global War on Terrorism throughout the various countries within the AFRICOM Area of Activity. These Military activities may include kinetic combat operations, associated rules of engagement, targeting, foreign military access and rights, coalition support, consequence management, counter drug operations, exercises and intelligence oversight.

Justification:

(A)LtCol/4402/international law/ rapidly changing international alignments and national leadership among countries on the African continent necessitate continuous legal evaluation and analysis regarding the interpretation of international commitments and obligations by partner states, adversaries, and non-aligned parties. There are acute concerns as west Africa shows signs of transitioning away from western partnerships, especially given repositioning of Mali, Niger, and Burkina Faso. This is an addition to shifting balances across Maghreb nations, active conflicts across the Sahel and in the democratic republic of Congo, and anti-terrorism operations in Somalia. The Commandant commander requires a high volume of legal guidance given the increasingly complex and turbulent geopolitical environment in AFRICOM area of responsibility in order to support partner nations and promote American interests on the continent. The internal law position augments Africom staff during contingencies and crisis situations, supporting operations within the marine forces Africa area of responsibility; advises the legal counsel and members of the AFRICOM staff on international and operational matters. Analyzes and interprets international agreements, other international authorities, and domestic law and determines their effect on AFRICOM operations and potential courses of action. Provides advice and counsel on a wide range of legal authority, policy, and guidance regarding AFRICOM activities conducted in support of the operations throughout the various countries within the AFRICOM area of activity. These military activities may include kinetic combat operations, associated rules of engagement, targeting, foreign military access and rights, coalition support, consequence management, counter drug operations, exercises and intelligence oversight.

Additional Information

- These are unaccompanied PCS orders requiring a Secret Clearance and 4402 MOS. One grade down is authorized
- These orders are unaccompanied. Default housing would be in the BOQ. If that is unavailable, selected Marine would receive a CNA to obtain lodging out in town. Dependents could visit on a tourist visa under the 90/180 Day rule and if timed properly could total 180 days. Dependents could qualify for SOFA status (even though the servicemember is on unaccompanied orders) but they would risk forfeiting BAH at their home of residence.

To apply: Please submit an RQS and Pro Sum to GySgt David Gibbons david.c.gibbons5.mil@mail.mil and Maj Broadmeadow listed below.

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