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Army Holds Legal Motions Hearing May 5 in Sgt. Bergdahl Case

FORT BRAGG, N.C. – Army Judge Col. Jeffery R. Nance conducted an Article 39(a) Motions Hearing May 5 on Fort Bragg, N.C., in the case of United States vs. Sgt. Robert B. Bergdahl.

The May 5, 2017, Friday, military legal hearing convened at 9:58 a.m. and adjourned at 12:50 p.m. Trial counsel present were: Maj. Justin C. Oshana with assistant trial counsel Maj. Jerrod Fussnecker and Capt. Eileen Whipple. Defense counsel present were: Lt. Col. Franklin D. Rosenblatt with assistant defense counsel Maj. Jason Thomas, Maj. Oren Gleich and 1st Lt. Lorena Marez.

The hearing updated the government's current status to provide unclassified and classified government documents requested by Sgt. Bergdahl's defense lawyers, and the progress by defense counsel to review those documents.

The hearing also discussed several motions by defense counsel associated with access to classified information, production of documents, and the protection of information designated as "For Official Use Only" by the government.

No witnesses testified at this hearing.

The next legal-motions hearing date currently is scheduled for June 21. The trial currently is scheduled for Oct. 23, 2017, on Fort Bragg, N.C. The voir dire process for potential military panel members – known as jurors in civilian legal proceedings -- currently is scheduled for Oct. 16 – 20, 2017.

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