MCAS IWAKUNI FOIA/Privacy Act Information

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was signed into law in 1966. The FOIA provides individuals with a statutory right of access to certain federal agency records. The FOIA requires agencies to disclose requested records unless they are protected from public disclosure by the FOIA. Congress included in the FOIA nine exemptions and three law enforcement exclusions to protect important interests such as national security, personal privacy, privileged communications, and law enforcement.

The Privacy Act of 1974 was created in response to concerns about how the creation and use of computerized databases might impact individuals' privacy rights. It safeguards privacy through creating four procedural and substantive rights in one's own personal data, including requiring government agencies to show an individual records that are kept on that individual.

To submit a FOIA /Privacy Act Request, please go to <u>FOIA.gov</u> to FOIA.gov Website - https://www.foia.gov/

Start your request

Common FOIA Questions

- 1- How long will my request take to be processed? All request will be processed in the order they are received. Processing of FOIA requests should be completed within 20 working days. Should a request require longer processing time, you will be notified.
- 2- Can my request be expedited? Requests to expedite processing must show either imminent threat to life or physical safety or an individual or urgency to inform the public concerning actual/alleged Federal Government activity.

For Additional FOIA and Privacy Resources, please visit the MCIPAC FOIA page at: https://www.mcipac.marines.mil/Staff-and-Sections/Special-Staff/Office-of-the-Staff-Judge-Advocate/FOIA/