

Summary

The topic of the thesis is the military criminal law in the Czech Republic. Czech military criminal law is a specific area of criminal law relating exclusively on special subjects which are soldiers, prisoners of war and in a more limited scale members of the security forces. The purpose of this thesis is to present a comprehensive picture of the Czech military criminal law, because up to now as comprehensive piece of work has not been made.

The first chapter summarizes the historical development. It describes the grounds of the legal regulation with the historical background that further explains the reasons for specific legislation. This chapter is divided chronologically into four parts, the first of which introduces us to the beginnings of the development of military criminal law, the second to the development from the Middle Ages to the early 20th century, the third is devoted to military criminal law in the First Republic and the fourth to development in the second half of the 20th century.

The second chapter represents a crucial part of this thesis. Firstly, it defines military criminal law in the field of criminal law describing the coherence of the different laws in this area which are relevant and necessary for the application. Emphasis is put on the definition of the terms, which are used but not exactly defined in the Criminal Code. This chapter also gives a further interpretation of the facts of military crimes in accordance to the systematics of the Criminal Code. The last part of this chapter provides a brief explanation of the military criminal procedural law.

The third chapter is devoted to the Military Police. It provides a brief overview of the origins of the Military Police and describes especially scope of the Military Police in relation to criminal proceedings.

The fourth chapter describes the development of military justice in our country, as well as the reasons that led to the abolition of the military courts.

The fifth chapter summarizes the development of military criminal law in the Slovak Republic. This chapter is divided into two parts, the first of which deals with the legislation in force military criminal law and the second with the development of military justice.