

**UNITED STATES NAVY-MARINE CORPS  
COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

**Before  
F.D. MITCHELL, J.A. MAKSYM, R.E. BEAL  
Appellate Military Judges**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**v.**

**STEVEN M. VILLA  
PRIVATE (E-1), U.S. MARINE CORPS**

**NMCCA 200900510  
SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL**

**Sentence Adjudged:** 24 June 2009.

**Military Judge:** Maj Stephen Keane, USMC.

**Convening Authority:** Commanding Officer, 1st Tank  
Battalion, 1st Marine Division (REIN), FMF, Marine Corps  
Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA.

**Staff Judge Advocate's Recommendation:** Maj R.J. Ashbacher,  
USMC.

**For Appellant:** LCDR Brian Mizer, JAGC, USN.

**For Appellee:** Mr. Brian Keller, Esq.

**15 December 2009**

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**OPINION OF THE COURT**  
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After careful consideration of the record, submitted without assignment of error, we affirm the findings and sentence as approved by the convening authority. Art. 66(c), Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 U.S.C. § 866(c).

For the Court

R.H. TROIDL  
Clerk of Court