

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

**Before
M.D. MODZELEWSKI, E.C. PRICE, J.E. STOLASZ
Appellate Military Judges**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

**MICHAEL WATSON
STAFF SERGEANT (E-6), U.S. MARINE CORPS**

**NMCCA 201300027
SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL**

Sentence Adjudged: 7 September 2012.

Military Judge: Maj Nicholas A. Martz, USMC.

Convening Authority: Commanding Officer, MAG 31, 2d MAW, II MEF, Beaufort, SC.

Staff Judge Advocate's Recommendation: LtCol J.J. Murphy, USMC.

For Appellant: LT Jared A. Hernandez, JAGC, USN.

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

11 June 2013

OPINION OF THE COURT

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).¹

For the Court

R.H. TROIDL
Clerk of Court

¹ To the extent that the convening authority's action purports to direct that the punitive discharge will be executed after final judgment it is a legal nullity. See *United States v. Tarniewicz*, 70 M.J. 543 (N.M.Ct.Crim.App. 2011).