

**The following reports the results of Special and General Courts-Martial tried and completed within the United States Navy in August 2017. The cases are listed by the Navy Region in which they were tried.**

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Washington, DC, HM1 Troy D. Biggham, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of sexual harassment and seven specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 15 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 18 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 6 months is to be disapproved.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Great Lakes, IL, PS2 Keyerro C. Parnell, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy and larceny. On 17 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$500.00 per month for 12 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-4, and confinement for 60 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement is to be suspended pending PS2 Parnell's administrative separation. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, AT3 Calvin J. Cobb, USN, was tried for receiving and distributing child pornography. On 16 August 2017, the members

returned a guilty verdict and sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months.

- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, CMCN Alynn B. Chappell, USN, pled guilty to four specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child by indecent communication. On 30 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 30 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, ATAN Dennis A. Stachura, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of wrongful possession of child pornography and to two specifications of wrongful possession of obscene visual representations of the sexual abuse of children. On 31 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 48 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, BMSR Markus K. Thomas, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of assault consummated by a battery and one specification of false official statement. On 21 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeiture of \$500.00 pay per month for three months, and confinement for 37 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all adjudged forfeitures will be disapproved.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, ND3 Stephen D. Castillo, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 31 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 150 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AOAN Jared D. Everetts, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, one specification of substance abuse, and six specifications of possession and use of a controlled substance. On 23 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 9 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ABHAN Jashuan C. Epps, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and assault consummated by a battery. On 29 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The accused is being processed for administrative separation from the Navy.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, MA3 Allante L. Martin, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 9 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 26 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The accused is being processed for administrative separation from the Navy.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, CSSR Tylar A. Cargile, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of absence without leave and three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 22 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 97 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The accused is being processed for administrative separation from the Navy.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ATAA Lucas A. Hurdle, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to unauthorized absence and missing movement. On 23 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 120 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 90 days is to be suspended pending ATAA Hurdle's administrative separation from the Navy.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, MM3 Elexis M. Riley, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy to possession of a controlled substance and four specifications of possession, use, and distribution of a controlled substance. On 30 August 2017, the military judge sentenced her to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 5 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on her sentence. The accused is being processed for administrative separation from the Navy.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-4 was tried for two specifications of sexual assault. On 17 August 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, ABH3 Oscar Hernandez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of attempt to commit abusive sexual contact and three specifications of abusive sexual contact. On 23 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 14 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, FC1 Kingston L. Stark, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual harassment. On 30 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-4, and confinement for 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 90 days and reduction below pay grade E-5 will be suspended.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-4 was tried for one specification of drug use. On 31 August 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, HI, CTI3 Joseph Vargo, USN, pled guilty to attempted sexual abuse of a child. On 7 August 2017, the Military Judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction to the pay grade of E-1, to forfeit all pay and allowances, and confinement for two years. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than five months is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, HI, HTC James Armijo, USN, pled guilty to abusive sexual contact. On 23 August 2017, the Military Judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to the pay grade of E-1, and

confinement for six months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and reduction below pay grade E-6 will be suspended pending HTC Armijo's administrative separation from the Navy. The suspended punishment may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Japan**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, STGC Michael S. Rettus II, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual abuse of a child. On 22 August 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and 3 years confinement. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement and the discharge are to be disapproved.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Naples, Italy, ABHC Rodney M. Mba, USN, was tried for adultery and fraternization. On 16 August 2017, the military judge returned a verdict of guilty on both charges and sentenced ABHC Mba to a reprimand, reduction in rank to paygrade E-5, restriction for 60 days to Naval Air Station, Sigonella, Italy, and confinement for 30 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, reduction below E-6 is to be disapproved.