

**The following reports the results of every Special and General Court-Martial convened within the United States Navy in December 2018. The cases are separated by the Navy Region in which they were tried.**

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., HM3 Mark A. Berger, USN, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance and was tried for an assault consummated by a battery. On 20 December 2018, his guilty plea to possession of a controlled substance was accepted and members returned a verdict of guilty of assault consummated by a battery. Members sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, hard labor without confinement for 90 days, restriction for 60 days, and forfeiture of all pay and allowances until discharged from the service.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-5 was tried for two specifications of sexual assault. On 11 December 2018, members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, ITSN Michael M. Smith, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violating a lawful order and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 13 December 2018, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 85 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than his time served, 50 days, is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, AZ2 Brent D. Ross, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to four specifications of communicating a threat. On 14 December 2018, the military judge sentenced him to 75 days of hard labor without confinement. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AD2 Jovito G. Dulang, USN, was tried for sexual abuse of a child, rape of a child, and child endangerment. On 7 December 2018, members returned a verdict of guilty for child endangerment and sentenced him to a reprimand.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an O-5 was tried for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 18 December 2018, members returned a verdict of not guilty.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Japan**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, MMN2 Ethan D. Strandberg, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and distribution of a controlled substance. On 7 December 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 180 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and all confinement greater than 60 days is to be suspended. The suspended punishment may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, MMN2 Andrew W. Miller, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to distribution of a controlled substance. On 13 December 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 120 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and all confinement greater than 30 days is to be suspended. The suspended punishment may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

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

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Naples, Italy, an E-7 was tried for conspiracy to obstruct justice. On 12 December 2018, members returned a verdict of not guilty.