

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

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, Lieutenant Jacob A. Patrick, USN, was tried for sexual assault. On 19 January 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty for two specifications of sexual assault and sentenced him to a reprimand, to be discharged with a Dismissal, and to confinement for 12 months.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-5, was tried for sexual assault. On 27 January 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, LCDR Christopher B. Pickford, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to four specifications of wrongful appropriation. On 20 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand and to forfeit \$1,000.00 per month for 4 months. As part of the pretrial agreement, the member agreed to submit his resignation and pay restitution. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, CTT2 James R. Banaskiewicz, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of aggravated sexual contact and indecent exposure. On 17 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 7 years. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 5 years is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, HN Kyle S. Wilson, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 27 January 2016, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 3 months. The pre-trial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, an E-5 was tried for sexual assault. On 1 February 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AN Jacob M. Wise, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of wrongful use of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct. On 11 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 45 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ABHAN Dillan B. Mejia, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of conspiracy to commit distribution of a controlled substance, four specifications of introduction of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, and one specification each of attempted distribution of a controlled substance and wrongful possession of a controlled substance. On 13 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 8 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 6 months 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 Bremerton, Washington, an E-5 was tried for fraternization and abusive sexual contact. On 19 January 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Oak Harbor, Washington, an E-4 was tried for simple assault, assault consummated by a battery, and assault upon a federal employee. On 26 January 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, CSSA Juquan D. Austin, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of conspiracy to possess a controlled substance, false official statement, and two specifications of

wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 27 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 60 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an O-3 was tried for sexual assault. On 13 January 2017, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego California, SN Tyler P. Knetterroberts, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance, one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance, one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, two specifications of soliciting another to wrongfully possess a controlled substance, and one specification of larceny. On 6 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,000.00 per month for 11 months, to be reduced in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 350 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect his sentence.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, IS2 Rigoberto Macias-Avila, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of assault consummated by battery. On 30 January 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 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 60 days is to be suspended and the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be suspended pending his administrative separation. The suspended portions of the sentence 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, Hawaii, EMN2 Joseph S. Miller, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of false official statement and five specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 9 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 90 days is to be disapproved and the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be suspended pending his administrative separation. The

suspended portions of the sentence 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 Okinawa, Japan, CMCN Bryce A. Cruse, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of absence without leave, attempted sexual assault of a child, and solicitation. On 12 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and to confinement for 30 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 15 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**

- None.

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

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Rota, Spain, PS3 Joseph R. Rainey, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of wrongful appropriation, two specifications of making a check without sufficient funds, and one specification of obstruction of justice. On 25 January 2017, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 100 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 60 days is to be suspended and the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be disapproved pending administrative separation. The suspended portions of the sentence may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.