

**The following reports the results of Special and General Courts-Martial tried and completed within the United States Navy in March 2018. The cases are listed by the Navy Region in which they were tried.**

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, CAPT John F. Steinberger, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongfully accepting gifts from Mr. Leonard Francis; and conduct unbecoming an officer by wrongfully engaging in a sexual act with a person who received compensation for such an act. On 6 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, and a fine of \$10,000. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, CDR Jason W. Starmer, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to patronizing a prostitute, adultery and wrongfully accepting gifts from Mr. Leonard Francis. On 6 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$1,500 per month for 2 months, a fine of \$3,000, and restriction to the limits of base for 60 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all forfeitures are to be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a General Court-Martial in Great Lakes, Illinois, an E-6 was tried for one specification of rape of a child, and two specifications of sexual abuse of a child. On 15 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, AMC Oupatham Sisamouth, USN, was tried for conspiracy to obstruct justice, fraternization, false official statement, and perjury. On 2 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to fraternization, false official statement and perjury and sentenced him to forfeit \$1,436 per month for 12 months, and reduction in rank to paygrade E-3.

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-7, was tried for assault consummated by a battery and obstructing justice. On 29 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, YN1 Micheal B. Simonton, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 6 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him 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 his sentence.
- At a General Court-Martial in Quantico, Virginia, Sgt Jared P. Kerness, USMC, was tried for five specifications of negligent dereliction of duty and one specification of negligent homicide. On 9 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty of four specifications of negligent dereliction of duty and sentenced him to forfeit \$1,088 per month for 1 month, and hard labor without confinement for 3 months.
- At a General Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, CS3 Luke E. Nicholas, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to abusive sexual contact. On 14 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 12 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, HM2 Robert S. Bennett, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and larceny of non-military property of a value greater than \$500. On 1 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 1 month, reduction in rank to paygrade E-3, a fine of \$1,847, and confinement for 38 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the forfeiture is to be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, BMSR Bryler J. Droste, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful possession of a controlled substance. On 9 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 3 months and confinement for 90 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 30 days is to be suspended. The suspended confinement 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 Mayport, Florida, CTM3 Shawn Q. Greene, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful appropriation of a motor vehicle. On 29 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 3 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 3 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, OSSR Phillip B. Coleman, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 7 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 9 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, STS1 Michael A. Marquez, USN, was tried for indecent recording of a private area of another person without consent. On 20 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 years.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ABH1 Daron L. Fillmore, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual harassment. On 20 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 4 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ABHAA Reggie W. Murray II, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual harassment and false official statement. On 22 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 10 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AN Najja A. Franklin, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual harassment. On 29 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, LCDR Matias J. Kinsman, USN, was tried for three specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child. On 8 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty of two specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child and sentenced him to be Dismissed from the Naval Service.
- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an O-3 was tried for six specifications of sexual assault. On 15 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-2 was tried for assault consummated by a battery and adultery. On 1 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, IT2 Cory L. Royal, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 6 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,245 per month for 2 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-4, and confinement for 30 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement will be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, CS1 Antwan D. Day, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of abusive sexual contact and two specifications of assault consummated by battery. On 21 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-3, and confinement for 60 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, LT Mary A. Redden, NC, USN, was tried for two specifications of unauthorized absence, one specification of wrongfully accessing protected health information of multiple patients without authorization, one specification of false official statement, two specifications of forgery, and one specification of conduct unbecoming of an officer. On 22 March 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty for one specification of false official statement, two specifications of forgery, and one specification of conduct unbecoming of an officer and sentenced her to a reprimand and to forfeit \$2,398 per month for 3 months.

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, ITCS Darren P. Goodloe, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to stalking, larceny, and obstructing justice. On 27 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, reduction in rank to paygrade E-6, and confinement for 12 months. Automatic reduction below the paygrade E-6 will be remitted. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, STSCS Jeffrey Pittman, USN, was tried for two specifications of sexual assault, two specifications of abusive sexual contact, two specifications of rape of a child, two specifications of sexual abuse of a child, four specifications of assault consummated by a battery of a child, and one specification of assault consummated by a battery. On 16 March 2018 the panel of members found him guilty of two specifications of sexual assault, one specification of abusive sexual contact, two specifications of rape of a child, one specifications of sexual abuse of a child, and three specifications of assault consummated by a battery of a child and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 30 years.
- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, YN3 Brennan Borjas, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual assault. On 29 March 2018, the Military Judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 36 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 30 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 Japan**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, STG2 Matthew J. Lytle, USN, was tried for attempted sexual assault of a child, attempted sexual abuse of a child, and indecent language. On 21 March 2018, a panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to attempted sexual assault of a child and attempted sexual abuse of a child. The panel sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, to forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, ABHAA Israel A. Sotomeserve, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to striking a petty officer, wrongfully drinking alcohol on a naval vessel, violating liberty risk, violating order from Commanding Officer regarding sleeping hours, damaging military property of a value more than \$500, incapacitation for performance of duties due to drunkenness, and drunk and disorderly conduct. On 8 March 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 11 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, 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.

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

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.