

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

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., HM3 Michael J. Smith, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 1 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,451 per month for 2 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-3, and restriction for 45 days. 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 Washington, D.C., ENS Daniel R. Flack, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of false official statements, two specifications of willful disobedience of a superior commissioned officer, and failure to report that he was served with criminal charges. On 3 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to receive a punitive letter of reprimand and to forfeit of \$1,800 per month for 12 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 Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, HN Julian M. Mendiatarindy, USN was tried for abusive sexual contact, sexual assault, and willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer. On 16 October 2018, the members panel returned a verdict of guilty of willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer by violating a military protective order and sentenced him to restriction for 30 days.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, FN Antonio J. Dambra, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to seven specifications of indecent visual recording. On 22 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 13 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 10 months is to be suspended. The

suspended punishment may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, BM2 Virginia S. Moratalla, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to attempted larceny, larceny, uttering a check without sufficient funds, ten specifications of 18 USC § 1344 bank fraud, and dishonorably failing to pay a debt. On 25 October 2018, the military judge sentenced her to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, forfeiture of \$1,000 per month for 60 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 60 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 4 years is to be disapproved.
- At a General Court-Martial in Great Lakes, Illinois, an O-4 was tried for willful disobedience of a superior commissioned officer, three specifications of rape of a child, two specifications of sexual abuse of a child, four specifications of battery consummated upon a child under the age of 16, and two specifications of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. On 31 October 2018, the members panel returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, HA James D. Heath, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful appropriation and two specifications of forgery. On 4 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 75 days. 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 Norfolk, Virginia, MASN Robert T. Doyle, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 23 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 110 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, HM2 Jason R. Angle, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to attempted communication of indecent language to a person under 16 years of age. On 10 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, forfeit \$1,000 per month for 15 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 15 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of 12 months will be disapproved.

- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, an E-3 was tried for sexual assault. On 18 October 2018, the members panel returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, HN William F. Cowart III, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to attempted distribution of child pornography and possession of child pornography. On 30 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 24 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 21 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, SN Christian W. Roller, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance and unauthorized absence. On 9 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 5 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and all confinement in excess of 75 days is to be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, SA Nickolas N. Sanchez, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to unauthorized absence, insubordinate conduct toward a petty officer, wrongful possession of drug paraphernalia, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, and three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 10 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 165 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge will be disapproved and all confinement in excess of 90 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 Pensacola, Florida, SN Jason L. Yuknis, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of unauthorized absence and three specifications of wrongful use of controlled substances. On 19 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,000 pay per month for 7 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 7 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all forfeitures and confinement in excess of six months will be suspended. The suspended confinement and forfeitures may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), at sea, LTJG Mikeorlando Delarosa, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful use of controlled substances, missing movement, and desertion. On 17 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dismissal, forfeiture of \$3,000 per month for 7 months, and confinement for 209 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), at sea, AZ3 James L. Anderson, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful use of controlled substances and assault consummated by battery. On 16 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged him with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of 120 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 onboard USS JOHN C. STENNIS (CVN 74), at sea, ABEAA Austin E. Reynolds, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to missing movement by design and unlawful absence terminated by apprehension. On 16 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 100 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of time served (91 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 Bremerton, Washington, AWO2 Joseph B. Rios, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to stalking. On 19 October 2018, 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. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AEC Wesley T. Smith, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of assault consummated by battery. On 24 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, reduction in rank to paygrade E-6, and confinement for 120 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of 30 days is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Courts-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, AM2 Gherson Fernandez, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to sexual abuse of a child. On 1 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, forfeit all pay and allowances, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 7 years. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of 60 months will be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

### **Special Courts-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, LN1 Angie N. Ruiz-Diaz, USN was tried for a false official statement. On 15 October 2018, the members panel returned a verdict of guilty for a false official statement and sentenced her to no additional punishment.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, YN3 Kanyri R. Gregory, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful possession of a controlled substance. On 19 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 30 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement will be commuted to restriction at a rate of 2 days of restriction for each day of adjudged confinement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, BM2 Joshua N. Pruitt, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to six specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 23 October 2018, 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. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

## **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 Guam, PS3 Diontre L. McLoyd, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to communicating a threat. On 3 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 120 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the Bad Conduct Discharge will be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, ABHAA Sergio M. Zaratina, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to drunk and disorderly conduct. On 10 October 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 30 days. 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 Okinawa, Japan, MASA Elijah A. Fuller, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery and communicating a threat. On 23 October 2018, 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. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the Bad Conduct Discharge will be disapproved. 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**

- None.