

The following reports the results of Special and General Courts-Martial tried and completed within the United States Navy in December 2016. 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, OCS Carlos M. Villalobos, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of sexual harassment and four specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 1 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 36 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 15 months and reduction in rank below the paygrade E-4 is to be disapproved, and the Bad Conduct Discharge is suspended pending his administrative discharge. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-4 was tried for sexual assault. On 15 December 2016, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, MM2 Kevin J. Whitney, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of false official statement and one specification each of abusive sexual contact and obstruction of justice. On 8 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,044.00 per month for 6 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and 6 months confinement. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 45 days will be suspended for a period of 6 months and the Bad Conduct Discharge is to be disapproved pending his administrative discharge. 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, FC3 Alexandro Chavez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of wrongful possession with intent to distribute, wrongful use, and wrongful distribution of drugs. On 8

December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rate to paygrade E-1, and 11 months confinement. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

Navy Region Southeast

General Courts-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, an E-5 was tried for two specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child and three specifications of sexual abuse of a child. On 13 December 2016, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, MA2 Clifford L. Williams, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of aggravated assault and one specification of communicating a threat. On 14 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 15 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than one year is to be suspended for the period of confinement plus six months thereafter; reduction in rate to E-1 is to be suspended for 12 months; automatic forfeitures will be deferred during the time of enlistment provided an allotment is setup for his family; and automatic reduction is suspended for 12 months. All suspended punishments may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

Special Courts-Martial

- None.

Navy Region Northwest

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, IT3 Christopher M. Strifler, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of possession of child pornography and adultery. On 8 December 2016, 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. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 18 months is to be suspended for a period of 12 months.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, ICSA Michael J. Baltierra Jr., USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy to commit an offense, six specifications of failure to report offenses, one specification of dereliction of duty, three specifications of both wrongful use and distribution of a controlled substance, and one

specification of obstruction of justice. On 1 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 90 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 60 days is to be suspended for a period of 12 months. 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, MT3 Justin L. Somerville, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of sexual harassment, one specification each of larceny and wrongful appropriation, and three specifications of communicating indecent language and other indecent conduct. On 7 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to 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 for a period of 12 months. 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, MM3 Kyle A. J. Moreland, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification each of failure to report to his appointed place of duty and wrongful use of a controlled substance, and three specifications of making false official statements. On 7 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than 90 days is to be suspended for a period of 12 months. The suspended confinement may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

Navy Region Southwest

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, EMCS Jose D. Domingo, USN was tried for numerous offenses to include abusive sexual contact. On 15 December 2016, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty for two specifications of abusive sexual conduct and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 2 years.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, EMFN Kondali A. Kangha, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of attempt to defraud, four specifications of larceny, and three specifications of drawing a check without sufficient funds. On 6 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,044.00 per month for two months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, 60 days restriction to Naval Base San Diego and 90 days hard labor without confinement. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

Navy Region Hawaii

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, QM1 Joseph Kerbein, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to viewing child pornography. On 6 December 2016, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 7 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

Navy Region Japan

Special Court-Martial

- None.

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, LCDR Darin H. Keeter, USN was tried for multiple specifications of attempted sexual assault of a child, attempted sexual abuse of a child and solicitation of child pornography. On 8 December 2016, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dismissal and confinement for 3 years.

Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.