

**The following reports the results of Special and General Courts-Martial tried and completed within the United States Navy in July 2015. The cases are listed by the Navy Region in which they were tried.**

## **Naval District Washington**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., HM3 Derek B. Hahn, USN was tried for sexual assault. On 20 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty and 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 Washington, D.C., YN1 Keithan Smith, USN was tried for unauthorized purchases with his government travel card, fraudulent claim, and failure to pay debts. On 1 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to all charges and sentenced him to a reprimand and restriction for 60 days.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., HM3 Tyler J. Zarozinski, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and wearing unauthorized ribbons. On 24 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$1,031 per month for 2 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 60 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, 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.

## **Navy Region Mid-Atlantic**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-5 was tried for sexual assault and assault consummated by a battery. On 24 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, MM3 Cassi L. Leonard, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to unauthorized absence, failure to obey a lawful order, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 16 July 2015, the military judge sentenced her to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than time served 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, CTT2 Heather B. McCrea, USN was tried for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 29 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty and sentenced her to a reprimand, to forfeit \$1,020 per month for 4 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 4 months.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, an E-4, USN, was tried for abusive sexual contact. On 15 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, MT2 Jonathan M. Ashby, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violating a lawful general regulation. On 23 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 4 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 90 days is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, LT Jason R. Panos, USN was tried for attempting to violate a lawful general order, violating a lawful general order, making a false official statement, abusive sexual contact, and assault. On 31 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty to the charges of making a false official statement and assault, but returned a verdict of guilty for the charges of attempting to violate a lawful general order, violating a lawful general order, and abusive sexual contact. On 31 July 2015, the panel of members sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$2,000 per month for 6 months, and restriction for 1 month.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, AD1 Felix RiosMcConnell, USN was tried for unauthorized absence, failure to obey a lawful general order, and solicitation of a prostitute. On 30 June 2015, the military judge dismissed the charges of unauthorized absence and solicitation of a prostitute, but returned a verdict of guilty for failure to obey a lawful general order. On 1 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 6 months, and hard labor for 30 days.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, GSE3 Benjamin C. Leighton, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violating a lawful general regulation, wrongful distribution of a Schedule I controlled substance, and obstruction of justice. On 23 July 2015, 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.

- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, YN2 Lawrence S. Newman, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violation of a lawful general regulation, larceny, and dishonorably failing to pay a debt. On 27 July 2015, 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. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, confinement greater than 4 months is to be suspended. The suspended confinement may be served if the service member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, LT Ernest M. Thompson, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy to commit larceny, wrongfully selling military property, and larceny. On 8 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, a fine of \$23,000, and confinement for 364 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, LSSA Edgar J. G. Urieta, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to breaking restriction. On 1 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$500 per month for 1 month, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 25 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the forfeiture is to be disapproved.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, BM2 Brian M. White, USN pled guilty pursuant to pretrial agreement to false official statements and damaging non-military property. On 2 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-4, and confinement for 20 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, SN Khalil K. Alexander, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 16 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, reduction in rank to paygrade E-2, and restriction for 45 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, CM3 Dylan J. Kilby, USN pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conspiracy to commit larceny and larceny. On 21 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-3, a fine of \$2,000, and confinement for 45 days. 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, MM3 Charles E. Dreisewerd, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful use of cocaine. On 2 July 2015, 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 is to be disapproved.

## **Navy Region Japan**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, an E-5 was tried for an assault consummated by a battery. On 15 July 2015, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.

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

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Naples, Italy, PS1 Carl S. Blanchard, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and larceny. On 15 July 2015, the military judge sentenced him to a fine of \$25,000 and confinement for 140 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.