

The following reports the results of every Special and General Court-Martial tried within the United States Navy in March 2022. The cases are separated by the Navy Region in which they were tried.

Naval District Washington

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Washington, D.C., MIDN Christopher J. St. Helen, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to simple assault with an unloaded firearm and two specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 10 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 56 days. The plea agreement contained a provision for the accused to submit a qualified resignation.

Special Court-Martial

- None.

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-5, USN was tried for sexual assault and abusive sexual contact. On 10 March 2022, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, SN Victor V. Enciso, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to conspiracy to wrongfully distribute a controlled substance, solicitation to wrongfully distribute a controlled substance, wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 16 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to total forfeitures, reduction in paygrade to E-1, confinement for 15 months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, EM2 Reuben J. Martinez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to sexual assault. On 21 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 45 days and a Dishonorable Discharge.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Great Lakes, Illinois, FC3 Elijah N. Pinuelas, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to wrongful possession of a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 9 March 2022, consistent with the plea

agreement, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$850 pay per month for 2 months, reduction in paygrade to E-1, and confinement for 65 days. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, HT1 Gates A. Kobuszewski, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to assault consummated by a battery and two specifications for violation of a lawful general order by committing sexual harassment. On 15 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1, confinement for 90 days, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, CSC Pedro H. Caro, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer by violating a no contact order, three specifications of violating a lawful general order for fraternization, and two specifications of wrongfully engaging in extramarital sexual conduct. On 15 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-6 and confinement for 15 days. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, SR Joel Ortiz, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to three specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance, one specification of wrongful introduction of a controlled substance, one specification of failure to go to his appointed place of duty, and one specification of violation of a lawful order for bringing a vaping device onboard a ship. On 17 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to a Bad Conduct Discharge.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, ABHAA Ray A. Williams Jr., USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to absence from unit for more than 30 days and wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 18 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1, confinement for 77 days, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, GSM2 Anthony C. Ballesteros, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 18 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1, confinement for 6 months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, ABH3 Roberto Vasquez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to two specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 30 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1, confinement for 11 months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Navy Region Southeast

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, an E-4, USN, was tried for aggravated arson of an inhabited structure, reckless endangerment, and willfully damaging military property of a value of \$1,000 or less. On 3 March 2022, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, MM2 Devonta D. Ramirez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to assault consummated by a battery, unlawful entry, and wrongful appropriation of property of \$1,000 or less. On 22 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 8 months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, AOAN Marcus J. Donovan, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to drunk and disorderly conduct. On 2 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1 and confinement for 60 days. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, OS2 Ricardo E. Avalos Jr., USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance and one specification of wrongful possession of a controlled substance. On 10 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1 and confinement for 60 days. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, EMN1 David M. Holdren, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 17 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-5 and confinement for 2 months. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, MM3 Trace A. Hill, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to wrongfully accessing a cell phone belonging to another person to view intimate images of that person without their consent. On 15 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-3 and confinement for 30 days. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

Navy Region Northwest

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, an E-6, USN, was tried for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 30 March 2022, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.

Navy Region Southwest

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, AOAA Matthew R. Austin, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to absence from his unit for more than 3 days, not more than 30 days, failure to obey a lawful order by breaking restriction, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, fraudulent use of a credit card to obtain property of a value of \$1,000 or less, fraudulent use during any 1-year period of a credit card to obtain property the aggregate value of which is more than \$1,000, bribery, and missing movement through design. On 1 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-1 and confinement for 85 days. The plea 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, MAC Jeremy W. Harborth, USN, was tried for three specifications of indecent recording, two specifications of possession of child pornography, and two specifications of production of child pornography. On 18 March 2022, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty for three specifications of indecent recording and one specification of production of child pornography and sentenced him to confinement for 18 months and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, GM2 Ryan C. Alexander, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to communicating a threat. On 29 March 2022, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in paygrade to E-4. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

Navy Region Japan

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, OS1 Rafael R. Whyte Jr., pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of false official statement, one specification of larceny of military property of a value of more than \$1000, one specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance, and one specification of attempted wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 2 March 2022, the military judge sentenced him to a fine of \$6,500, reduction in paygrade to E-3, confinement for 9 months, and a Bad Conduct Discharge. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge and reduction below paygrade E-4 is to be disapproved and confinement in excess of 7 months will 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.

Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.