

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

Naval District Washington

General Court-Martial

- None

Special Courts-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, DC, LTJG Sarah Coppock, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to dereliction of duty contributing to the death of seven sailors. On 8 May 2018, the military judge sentenced her to a reprimand and to forfeit two-thirds pay per month for three months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, DC, an E-6 was tried for one specification of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 14 May 2018, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, DC, CDR Alfredo Sanchez, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to dereliction of duty contributing to the death of 10 sailors. On 25 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand and to forfeit \$2,000 per month for three months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-3 was tried for sexual assault and abusive sexual contact. On 7 May 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, AWS2 Marvin J. Masa, USN, was tried for three specifications of sexual assault, and one specification of communicating a threat. On 15 May 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to two specifications of sexual assault and sentenced him to be discharged with a Dishonorable Discharge, and confinement for 8 years.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, PR2 Michael D. Payne, Jr., USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to disorderly conduct and reckless endangerment. On 24 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-3, and confinement for 89 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, OS2 Daiquon M. Evans, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to attempted wrongful introduction of a controlled substance, wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, and assault consummated by a battery. On 24 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 150 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement greater than time served (58 days) is to be suspended. The suspended punishment may be served if the Service Member violates the terms of the pretrial agreement.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, ABHC David P. Thompson, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of sexual harassment and assault consummated by a battery. On 15 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,500 per month for 3 months, and reduction in rank to paygrade E-6. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all forfeitures are to be suspended. The suspended punishment 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 Norfolk, Virginia, EODC Matthew J. Wheeler, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to disrespect toward a petty officer and aggravated assault, and two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 23 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to confinement for 180 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Great Lakes, Illinois, HR Tristin E. McCarthy, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of spoilage of property other than military property of the United States and one specification of larceny. On 31 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 8 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all 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 Southeast

General Courts-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, LCDR Bryan P. Watson, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to indecent visual recording and broadcasting of an indecent visual recording. On 1 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Dismissal and confinement for 15 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.

Special Courts-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, SA Justin D. Hart, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of attempted possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, and two specifications of wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 1 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$800 per month for 5 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 5 months. The pretrial agreement had no effect on the sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, CTTC Arturo L. Livingston, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to false official statement and adultery. On 3 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$1,000 for 1 month, and restriction for 21 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Pensacola, Florida, AWF1 Jason P. Laplante, USN, was tried for four specifications of abusive sexual contact and three specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 10 May 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to two specifications of assault consummated by a battery (a lesser included offense of abusive sexual contact), and one specification of assault consummated by a battery as charged. The panel of members sentenced him to forfeit \$600 per month for 6 months and confinement for 75 days.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, OSSR Cole P. Robbins, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to one specification of larceny of military property of a value more than \$500 and one specification of wrongfully disposing of classified material. On 24 May 2018, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, to forfeit \$1,000 per month for 6 months, and confinement for 6 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge will be disapproved, and all confinement in excess of 120 days will be disapproved. 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, HN Mason L. Spence, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child. On 14 May 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. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, all confinement in excess of 30 months will 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 Southwest

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-6 was tried for one specification of sexual assault. On 3 May 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-8 was tried for three specifications of absence without leave. On 9 May 2018, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, CAPT Paul C. Miller USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to conduct unbecoming an officer. On 30 May 2018 the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand, to forfeit \$7,044 per month for two months, and to be restricted for 60 days. 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 Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, OS1 Alexandros Manettas, USN, was tried for two specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child. On 24 May 2018 the panel of members found him guilty of both specifications of attempted sexual abuse of a child and sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, hard labor without confinement for 90 days and confinement for 90 days.

Special Court-Martial

- None

Navy Region Japan

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None

Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.