

**The following reports the results of every Special and General Court-Martial convened within the United States Navy in November 2019. The cases are separated 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, ENS Brendan W. Butler, USN, was tried for rape, two specifications of abusive sexual contact, stalking, and battery. On 6 November 2019, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to one specification of abusive sexual contact and sentenced him to a reprimand and confinement for 2 months.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-3 was tried for two specifications of rape. On 18 November 2019, the panel of members returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-4 was tried for sexual assault. On 19 November 2019, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, an E-5 was tried for willfully disobeying the lawful order of a petty officer and willful dereliction of duty. On 4 November 2019, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, GSMC Rondell L. Bethelmy, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to two specifications of wrongfully engaging in prohibited sexual activities with a U.S. Navy recruit and wrongfully sending sexually explicit photographs to a U.S. Navy recruit. On 21 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-6 and confinement for 15 days.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, Virginia, DCFA Tyler J. Mirra, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to desertion and assault consummated by a battery. On 25 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced

him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 5 months.

## **Navy Region Southeast**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Jacksonville, Florida, MA3 Christopher T. Hilgenberg, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to assault consummated by a battery. On 8 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-1 and confinement for 89 days. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, IT2 Walter A. Kuck IV, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to larceny. On 22 November 2019, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-3 and confinement for 45 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Mayport, Florida, GSEFN Oscar I. Lopez, USN, was tried for assault consummated by a battery, assault upon a commissioned officer, and disorderly conduct. On 25 November 2019, the military judge returned a verdict of guilty of assault consummated by a battery and assault upon a commissioned officer. The military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-2 and confinement for 75 days.

## **Navy Region Northwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, AOAN Zachary M. Walker, USN, was tried for attempted sexual assault, sexual assault, abusive sexual contact, and aggravated assault. On 7 November 2019, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty of the lesser included offense of assault consummated by battery and sentenced him to forfeit \$800 pay per month for 2 months, reduction in rank to paygrade E-2, and confinement for 30 days.
- At a General Court-Martial in Bremerton, Washington, LT Alexander J. Egber, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to use of a controlled substance. On 15 November 2019, the military judge sentenced him to a reprimand and confinement for 30 days. The pretrial agreement had no effect on his sentence. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's board of inquiry.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

## **Navy Region Southwest**

### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, CECN Alonzo K. Scott, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to violation of a lawful general order, two specifications of possession of a controlled substance, and one specification of use of a controlled substance. On 7 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,000 pay per month for 2 months and confinement for 30 days. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, ATC Darren M. Heppler, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to suffering military property to be sold and larceny of military property. On 14 November 2019, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 12 months. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, the punitive discharge is to be suspended until the administrative separation process is complete, any adjudged reduction below paygrade of E-5 is to be suspended for 12 months, and all confinement is to be disapproved. 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 San Diego, California, ENFR Christopher C. Viray, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to three specifications of use of a controlled substance and one specification of obtaining services under false pretenses. On 15 November 2019, the military judge sentenced him to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge and confinement for 127 days. Pursuant to the pretrial agreement, any punitive discharge is to be disapproved. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.
- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, California, an E-5 was tried for wrongful use of a controlled substance. On 25 November 2019, the military judge returned a verdict of not guilty.

## **Navy Region Hawaii**

### **General Court-Martial**

- At a General Court-Martial in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, PS3 Jesse A. Kennemore, USN, was tried for abusive sexual contact, sexual assault, and underage drinking. On 8 November 2019, the panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to underage drinking and sentenced him to restriction for 30 days.

#### **Special Court-Martial**

- None.

### **Navy Region Japan**

#### **General Court-Martial**

- None.

#### **Special Court-Martial**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Yokosuka, Japan, LSSN Liam Nikkel, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to absence from place of duty, missing movement, and false official statement. On 21 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced him to forfeit \$1,120 pay per month for 1 month, reduction in rank to paygrade E-1, and confinement for 81 days. 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**

- At a Special Court-Martial in Manama, Bahrain, HM1 Michael M. Fregolle, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a pretrial agreement to wrongful appropriation of a vehicle. On 26 November 2019, consistent with the pretrial agreement, the military judge sentenced him to reduction in rank to paygrade E-3 and restriction for 30 days. The pretrial agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.