

Legal Blotter
1 February 2018 to 31 March 2018

30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
(30 SW/JA)

Courts-Martial

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a general court-martial of indecent sexual conduct; wrongful use of cocaine, Xanax, Dianabol (steroids), and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy); and distribution of cocaine. The senior airman was sentenced to be confined for 8 months, a bad conduct discharge, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was acquitted at a special court-martial of an allegation of wrongful use of cocaine.

An airman basic within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial of fraudulent enlistment, false official statement, wrongful use cocaine, Dianabol (steroids), and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy); providing alcohol to a minor, and distribution of cocaine and 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy). The airman basic was sentenced to be confined for 7 months, a bad conduct discharge, and forfeiture of \$1,092 pay per month for 7 months.

Upcoming Proceedings

A special court-martial is scheduled for 19-21 June 2018.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

A Captain assigned to a mission partner received forfeiture of \$2896.00 pay and a reprimand for drunk driving in violation of Article 111, UCMJ.

A staff sergeant assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of senior airman, suspended through 6 August 2018, forfeiture of \$354 pay, and a reprimand for presenting a false claim against the United States (travel voucher fraud) in violation of Article 132, UCMJ, and falsifying an official document in violation of Article 132, UCMJ.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand for wrongful use of marijuana in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman basic, with reduction below airman suspended through 21 September 2018, and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, for providing alcohol to two airmen under the age of 21 years.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended through 21 September 2018, forfeiture of \$918 pay, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, drinking alcohol under the age of 21 years.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, for drinking alcohol under the age of 21 years, and one violation of Article 111, UCMJ, drunk driving.

In October of 2017, and an airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended through 12 April 2018, forfeiture of \$100, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, drinking alcohol under the age of 21 years. In March of 2018, it was determined that the airman first class had violated the terms of the suspension by once again drinking alcohol under the age of 21 years. This resulted in the suspension being vacated and the member was reduced to the rank of airman. Lastly, an additional NJP was accomplished for this additional misconduct. The airman received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, for drinking alcohol under the age of 21 years.

An airman basic assigned to a mission partner received restriction to the limits of Vandenberg Air Force Base for 30 days and a reprimand, for one violation of Article 92, UCMJ, willful dereliction of duty for cheating on an exam.

Involuntary Discharges

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for a condition that interferes with military service with an Honorable service characterization.

An airman assigned to a mission partner was administratively discharged for a condition that interferes with military service with an Honorable service characterization.

An airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for drug abuse with a General service characterization.

Administrative Demotions

None to report.

From the 30th Space Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. Every case is unique and is evaluated independently. The Manual for Courts-Martial reminds us that military law promotes justice, assists in the maintenance of good order and discipline in the armed forces, promotes the efficiency and effectiveness of the military establishment, and strengthens the national security of the United States.