

Legal Blotter
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30th Space Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
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Courts-Martial

An airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a general court-martial of wrongful use, distribution, possession and introduction to Vandenberg Air Force Base of cocaine, obstructing justice, breaking restriction, and failure to go. The airman was sentenced to be confined for 15 months, a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

An airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was acquitted at a special court-martial of perjury and making a false official statement.

An airman first class within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use and introduction of cocaine. The airman first class was sentenced to be confined for 2 months, a bad conduct discharge, reduction to the grade of E-1, and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was acquitted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of cocaine.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was convicted at a special court-martial of wrongful use of 3-4, methylenedioxymethamphetamine (ecstasy) and lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD). The senior airman was sentenced to be confined for 4 months, a bad conduct discharge, forfeiture of \$1,066 pay per month for 4 months, and reduction to the grade of E-1.

Upcoming Proceedings

An Article 32 preliminary hearing is scheduled for 13 December 2017.

A general court-martial is scheduled for 15 December 2017.

A general court-martial is scheduled for 20-22 December 2017.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

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 pay, and a reprimand for one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, being drunk while underage.

Involuntary Discharges

A second lieutenant assigned to the 381st Training Group was administratively discharged for sexual assault.

An airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for fraudulent enlistment.

A senior airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for failing to meet minimum fitness standards.

Administrative Demotions

None.

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.