

Legal Blotter
1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020

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

Courts-Martial

No proceedings closed during this period.

Upcoming Proceedings

The following proceedings are open to the public at the Vandenberg AFB courtroom:

A general court-martial is scheduled to occur 24-27 August 2020.

A general court-martial is scheduled to occur 8-11 September 2020.

A general court-martial is scheduled to occur 2-6 November 2020.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

Rank: Staff Sergeant

Unit: Mission Partner

Offenses: Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; failing to register firearms

Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; storing a privately owned firearm in a privately owned vehicle

Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; failing to remain available by telephone during duty hours

Article 107, UCMJ – False official statement

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of Senior Airman (suspended) and a reprimand.

Rank: Staff Sergeant

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Offense: Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; unprofessional relationship

Article 134, UCMJ – Extramarital sexual conduct

Article 134, UCMJ – Prejudicial conduct

Article 90, UCMJ – Willfully disobeying a superior commissioned officer

Punishment: Reduction to E-4, 14 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

Rank: Airman First Class

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Offense: Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; failing to submit off-duty employment request

Article 92, UCMJ – Dereliction of duty; posting obscene images on the internet

Article 92, UCMJ – Service discrediting conduct; posting obscene images on the internet and associating with the United States Air Force

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of Airman (suspended), suspension pending briefings on responsible social media use and off-duty employment, forfeiture of \$100.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

Rank: Airman First Class

Unit: Mission Partner

Offense: Article 134, UCMJ – Underage drinking

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of E-1 (suspended), 5 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

Subsequent Vacation Action

Offense: Article 86 x 3, UCMJ – Failure to go at the time prescribed to an appointed place of duty

Article 128, UCMJ – Simple assault

Punishment: Reduction to the grade of E-1.

Rank: Airman Basic

Unit: Mission Partner

Offense: Article 134, UCMJ – Underage drinking

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$495.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended) and a reprimand.

Rank: Airman Basic

Unit: Mission Partner

Offenses: Article 134, UCMJ – Underage drinking

Article 105a, UCMJ – Possession of a fake identification card

Punishment: Forfeiture of \$209.00 pay per month for 2 months (suspended), 1 day extra duty, and reprimand.

Involuntary Discharges

Rank: Airman

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Characterization: General

Basis: Drug Abuse and Pattern of Misconduct

Rank: Airman Basic

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Characterization: General

Basis: Drug Abuse

Administrative Demotions

Rank: Senior Airman

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Basis: Failure to Fulfill Responsibilities (Unprofessional Relationship)

Rank: Senior Airman

Unit: 30th Space Wing

Basis: Failure to Fulfill Responsibilities (DUI)

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.