

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

A master sergeant within 14th Air Force was convicted at a general court-martial of indecently recording the breast of a woman without her consent, in violation of Article 120c, UCMJ. He was acquitted of abusive sexual contact and attempted abusive sexual contact, in violation of Articles 80 and 120, UCMJ, respectively. The master sergeant was sentenced to perform hard labor without confinement for 2 months and be reduced to the grade of E-6. As a collateral consequence of this conviction, the member is required to register as a sex offender.

A senior airman within the 30th Security Forces Squadron was acquitted of sexual assault and abusive sexual contact, in violation of Article 120, UCMJ.

A staff sergeant within the 614th Air and Space Communications Squadron was convicted at a general court-martial of indecently recording the breasts and genitalia of an adolescent without her consent, in violation of Article 120c, UCMJ. The staff sergeant was sentenced to confinement for one year, a dishonorable discharge, and reduction to the grade of E-4. As a collateral consequence of this conviction, the member is required to register as a sex offender.

Upcoming Proceedings

The following proceeding are open to the public:

A special court-martial is scheduled for 29-31 January 2019.

The following proceeding is closed to the public:

An administrative discharge board is scheduled for 15 January 2019.

Article 15 Actions (Nonjudicial Punishment)

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received forfeiture of \$100 pay and a reprimand, for three violations of Article 107, UCMJ, for making false official statements by lying about his whereabouts during duty hours, and one violation of Article 134, UCMJ, for obstructing of justice by attempting to influence a witness. This same airman then received a separate nonjudicial punishment where the airman received a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$819 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand, for committing indecent conduct by sending an unwanted photograph of his genitalia and communicating sexually explicit language to a minor, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ, and for making a false official statement, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand, for wrongfully using and possessing 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 suspended and a reprimand, for underage drinking, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ.

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

A staff sergeant assigned to the 30th Space Wing received a reduction to the grade of senior airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand, for making multiple false official statements, in violation of Article 107, UCMJ, and dereliction of duty through misuse of a Government Travel Card, in violation of Article 92, UCMJ.

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

A senior airman assigned to a mission partner received a reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand, for wrongful use of marijuana, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ.

A staff sergeant assigned to a mission partner received a reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand, for wrongful use and possession of marijuana, in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ, and for possession of drug paraphernalia, in violation of Article 134, UCMJ.

Involuntary Discharges

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for marijuana use with a General service characterization.

An airman basic assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with a General service characterization.

An airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for failure to meet minimum fitness standards with an Honorable service characterization.

An airman assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with a General service characterization.

An airman basic assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions with a General service characterization.

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

An airman first class assigned to a tenant unit was administratively discharged for marijuana use with a General service characterization.

An airman first class assigned to the 30th Space Wing was administratively discharged for marijuana use with a General service characterization.

Administrative Demotions

None to report at this time.

From the 30th Space Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the needs for good order and discipline, and the effect of punishment on the servicemember. 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.