

Air Force Court-Martial Summaries

May 2019



This report lists convictions and acquittals for general and special courts-martial. The Air Force publishes these cases for deterrence purposes. Each military justice case must be resolved on its own facts. There are no expected or required dispositions, outcomes, or sentences in any military justice case, other than those resulting from the individual facts and merits of a case and the application of due process of law. Adjudged sentences reported here do not reflect any relief on the sentence that may have been granted during clemency or on appeal. When an Airman agrees to plead guilty to charges in return for some action by the convening authority, those pretrial agreements are noted and any impact on the adjudged sentence is included in the summary.

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General Court-Martial Convictions

1. At Mountain Home AFB, ID, Airman David A. Tellor was found guilty by officer members of sexual assault of a child. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 7 years, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), total forfeiture of pay and allowances, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
2. At Moody AFB, GA, Airman First Class Austin J. Maurer was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, wrongful use of a controlled substance, and wrongful distribution of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 5 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
3. At Eielson AFB, AK, Airman Kashus M. Way was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of viewing child pornography and distribution of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 36 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 30 months.
4. At Tinker AFB, OK, Captain Alexander R. Baird was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of failure to go, breaking restriction, conduct unbecoming an officer, and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a dismissal, confinement for 136 days, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
5. At Whiteman AFB, MO, Master Sergeant Daniel A. Bench was found guilty by officer members of sexual abuse of a child and indecent acts. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 12 years, reduction to Senior Airman (E-4), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.
6. At Malmstrom AFB, MT, Senior Airman Cameron Sundstrum was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone wrongful possession of a controlled substance, wrongful use of synthetic substances, wrongful distribution of synthetic substances, attempted wrongful use of synthetic substances, and attempted wrongful distribution of synthetic substances. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 8 months, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
7. At Kadena AB, Japan, Senior Airman Gregory C.S. Merritt II was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of child pornography. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 30 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve the adjudged forfeitures, agrees to defer mandatory and adjudged forfeitures until action, and waive mandatory forfeitures for 6 months after action.
8. At JB Charleston, SC, Technical Sergeant Ryan J. Michalec was found guilty by officer members of rape of a child, indecent acts, and lewd acts with another. He was sentenced to a dishonorable discharge, confinement for 20 years, reduction to Airman First Class (E-3), and total forfeiture of pay and allowances.

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General Court-Martial Acquittals

9. At Offutt AFB, NE, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault and abusive sexual contact.
10. At Cannon AFB, NM, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer and enlisted members of sexual assault, abusive sexual contact, and assault consummated by a battery.
11. At Barksdale AFB, LA, an enlisted Airman was acquitted by officer members of indecent visual recording the private area of another without consent and indecent conduct.
12. At Ramstein AB, Germany, an officer was acquitted by a military judge sitting alone of abusive sexual contact and sexual assault.

Special Court-Martial Convictions

13. At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Airman Basic Nyakong S. Chuar was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, being absent without leave, and disobeying a lawful command. She was sentenced to confinement for 6 months and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 12 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the plea agreement.
14. At JB Lewis-McChord, WA, Airman First Class Aaron L. Green was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of indecent exposure. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 10 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 10 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
15. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, Airman First Class Angel Monarrez-Gutierrez was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 46 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the plea agreement.
16. At Yokota AB, Japan, Airman First Class Antonio D. Dukes was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of assault consummated by a battery. He was sentenced to confinement for 3 days, hard labor without confinement for 60 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
17. At Cannon AFB, NM, Airman First Class Cody R. Hammond was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), and a reprimand.
18. At Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ, Airman First Class Jacob C. Kellogg was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance and violating a general order. He was sentenced to restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 6 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

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19. At Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, Airman First Class Jordan C. Roman-Cummins was found guilty by officer members of wrongful distribution of an intimate image. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 3 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
20. At RAF Lakenheath, United Kingdom, Airman First Class Kayden C. Holley was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 3 months, restriction for 30 days, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1).
21. At JB Langley-Eustis, VA, Airman First Class Kyle P. Lang was found guilty by officer members of false official statement, wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, willful dereliction of duty, being absent without leave, and disobeying a lawful command. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 8 months, reduction to Airman (E-2), and forfeiture of \$1,256 pay per month for 8 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the plea agreement.
22. At Goodfellow AFB, TX, Airman Grant A. Plouck was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 10 days, hard labor without confinement for 60 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$800 pay per month for 2 months.
23. At Hurlburt AFB, FL, Airman Nathaniel P. Henkel was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful possession of a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 30 days, hard labor without confinement for 15 days, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
24. At Travis AFB, CA, Airman Ricardo R. Padilla was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful distribution of a controlled substance, wrongful use of a controlled substance, wrongful introduction of a controlled substance on a military installation, wrongful possession of a controlled substance, and wrongful possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 8 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), forfeiture of \$1,120 pay per month for 8 months, and a reprimand. Pursuant to a pretrial agreement, the convening authority may not approve confinement in excess of 3 months.
25. At Dover AFB, DE, Senior Airman Austin B. McGinnis was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of assault consummated by a battery. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 30 days, and reduction to Airman Basic (E-1). The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.
26. At Ellsworth AFB, SD, Senior Airman Jesse D. Ewing was found guilty by officer members of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 90 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), and forfeiture of \$942 pay per month for 2 months.

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27. At JB Lewis-McChord, WA, Senior Airman Michael O. Davis was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful possession of a controlled substance and wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, confinement for 2 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 2 months. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

28. At Edwards AFB, CA, Senior Airman William W. Lawson was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of drunken operation of a vehicle. He was sentenced to confinement for 10 days, hard labor without confinement for 15 days, reduction to Airman (E-2), forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for 4 months, and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the plea agreement.

29. At JB Andrews, MD, Senior Master Sergeant Kisha L. Richardson was found guilty by officer and enlisted members of false official statement. She was sentenced to reduction to Master Sergeant (E-7) and a reprimand.

30. At Whiteman AFB, MO, Staff Sergeant Jermikal A. Hamilton was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of maltreatment. He was sentenced to confinement for 10 days, restriction for 50 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.

31. At Peterson AFB, CO, Technical Sergeant Ryan C. Rodgers was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of wrongful use of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to confinement for 45 days, restriction for 60 days, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand. The adjudged sentence did not exceed the negotiated terms of the pretrial agreement.

32. At Hanscom AFB, MA, Technical Sergeant Ryan R. Leclaire was found guilty by a military judge sitting alone of possession of unauthorized weapons, aggravated assault, and reckless endangerment. He was sentenced to confinement for 11 months, reduction to Airman Basic (E-1), and a reprimand.

Special Court-Martial Acquittals

None