



# CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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## NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

### ARTICLE 15 ACTIONS

During **September 2016**, JBSA commanders administered 18 nonjudicial punishment actions under Article 15 of the UCMJ. The punishments imposed reflect the commander's determination of an appropriate punishment after considering the circumstances of the offense and the offender's record. A "suspended" punishment does not take effect unless the offender engages in additional misconduct or fails to satisfy the conditions of the suspension. The suspension period usually lasts for six months unless a lesser amount is specified. Administrative discharge may also be an option for commanders after the conclusion of an Article 15, depending on the circumstances. The following are some of the NJP actions that closed out in September. Decisions regarding discharge are not included.

**Conduct Unbecoming an Officer** – A Major plagiarized an assignment in the Air Command & Staff College distance learning program. The member received forfeiture of \$3,724 pay for one month, suspended forfeiture of \$3,474 pay per month for one month, and a reprimand.

**Dereliction of Duty: Willful**– A Senior Airman willfully failed to refrain from engaging in offensive, inappropriate, and service discrediting behavior on social networking platforms. The Airman received a reduction to the grade of Airman First Class, forfeiture of \$1,041 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), 45 days of extra duty, and a reprimand.

**Other Offenses under Article 134 (Providing Alcohol to a Minor)**– An Airman First Class in technical training unlawfully provided alcohol to another member who was under the age of 21. The member received a reduction to the grade of Airman, forfeiture of \$878 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), and a reprimand.

**Dereliction of Duty: Willful** – An Airman Basic in technical training was caught looking at another student's test during an examination. The member received fourteen days extra duty, fourteen days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), and a reprimand.

**Larceny** – An Airman Basic in technical training stole six lipsticks and a tube of eyelash glue from the BX. The member received thirty days extra duty, thirty days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), and a reprimand.

**Drunk and Disorderly, Disrespect to a Commissioned Officer, Wrongfully Altering an ID**– An Airman Basic in technical training was found drunk and vomiting in the bathroom of a building. When Security Forces arrived to assist, the member was disrespectful to a commissioned officer, calling him "bro" and "dude." It was also discovered that the member had altered the birth date on his ID card to make 1997 look like 1992. The member received thirty days extra duty, thirty days restriction to base, forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for two months (one month suspended), and a reprimand.

**Use of a controlled substance** – An Airman First Class in technical training tested positive on a urinalysis for the use of marijuana. The member received a reduction in grade to Airman Basic, forfeiture of \$783 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand.

**Failure to Go, Failure to Obey** – A Technical Sergeant failed to go to his prescribed place of duty and failed to provide work materials to a superior as directed to do. The member received a reduction to the grade of Staff Sergeant (suspended), forty five days extra duty, and a reprimand.

### Military Justice POCs

**JBSA Lackland (37 TRW, 59 MDW and LAK Mission Partners)**

(671-2007)

*Capt Will Wright (Courts)*

*TSgt Jovanni Hill (Courts)*

*Ms. Karen Dreitzler (Courts)*

*Capt Brittany Hannah (NJP)*

*TSgt Larry Wrenn (NJP)*

**JBSA Fort Sam Houston (502 ABW and FSH/CB Mission Partners)**

(221-2032)

*Capt Lauren McCormick (Courts)*

*Capt Gabriel Bush (NJP)*

*A1C Jonathan Lopez*

**JBSA Randolph (12 FTW and RND Mission Partners)**

(652-9673)

*Capt Eliot Peace*

*SSgt Timothy Morin*

## AFI 1-1, para 3.4

### Authorized Wear of the Uniform

Wearing the Air Force uniform means carrying on a tradition—one that identifies the person as a member of the profession of arms. The Air Force uniform is plain yet distinctive, and presents the appearance of a military professional. While in uniform, Air Force members must adhere to standards of neatness, cleanliness, safety, uniformity, and military image. Members will: procure and maintain all mandatory uniform items; follow local supplements and procedures regarding wear of the uniform; and keep their uniforms neat, clean, buttoned, and properly maintained. Members are responsible for knowing the authorized uniform combinations and the correct placement of ribbons, insignia, and other uniform items.

#### When can I wear my uniform?

- While performing military duties
- While traveling in an official capacity
- While attending military social functions
- At other appropriate functions, like a wedding, funeral, etc.

#### When must I NOT wear my uniform?

- When it would discredit the Armed Forces
- When furthering political activities, private employment, or commercial interests
- When engaged in off-duty, civilian employment
- When participating as a defendant in civilian court proceedings if a conviction would bring discredit to the Air Force (i.e. not to your downtown DUI trial)

- When participating in or attending public political speeches, interviews, picket lines, marches, or rallies, or in any public demonstration when participation might imply Air Force sanction of the cause or if the purpose may be to advocate, express, or approve opposition to the Armed Forces.

- When attending a meeting of, or sponsored by, an organization, association, movement, or group that: the Attorney General of the United States has named as totalitarian, fascist, communist, or subversive; advocates or approves acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the United States Constitution; or seeks to change the United States government by unconstitutional means.

- When eating at off-base restaurants where most diners wear business attire, or at establishments that operate primarily to serve alcohol, Air Force members will not wear the Airman battle uniform (ABU) or flight duty uniform.

- When using frequent flyer miles to upgrade to business or first class, Air Force members may not wear military uniforms. Even when an upgrade is legitimate, wearing of the uniform may create the public perception of the misuse of government travel resources; therefore, wear of the uniform should be avoided under these circumstances.

**NOTE:** Air Force members may **not** wear distinctive uniform items with civilian clothes. Distinctive uniform items are those items that are unique to the uniform, such as grade insignia, ribbons, cap devices, badges, uniform jackets (not to include the PT jacket), and other United States or Air Force insignia.

#### **Question: Can I wear my uniform to my child custody hearing?**

**Answer:** Generally, yes. In most divorce and child custody hearings, your military status will be a known factor and is likely to be discussed during the hearing. There is no discredit to the Air Force in wearing your uniform in this situation.

## COURTS-MARTIAL AT JBSA IN SEPTEMBER 2016

There were no courts-martial that closed out through sentencing during September 2016.

**All courts-martial are open to the public.**

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