

The following reports the results of every Special and General Court-Martial tried within the United States Navy in December 2025. The cases are separated by the Navy Region in which they were tried. Reference to the inclusion of a waiver of an administrative separation board in the plea agreement will only be reported in those cases where a punitive discharge is not adjudged as part of the sentence.

Naval District Washington

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, DC, MASN Christian M. Carter, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to one specification of assault consummated by a battery. On 9 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 30 days confinement and a reduction in paygrade to E-1.
- At a Special Court-Martial in Washington, DC, LT Lazaro Pla, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to one specification of fraternization. On 11 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to forfeitures of \$4,628 per month for two months. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's show-cause board of inquiry.

Navy Region Mid-Atlantic

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Norfolk, VA, MCSN Sage Velarde, USN, pled guilty to one specification of possession of visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct and one specification of possession of child pornography. On 11 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 12 months confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in Norfolk, VA, HM1 Matthew A. Blake, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to four specifications of assault consummated by a battery. On 16 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to a reduction in paygrade to E-2. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

- At a Special Court-Martial in Great Lakes, IL, OSSN Phillip L. Young, USN, pled guilty pursuant to a plea agreement to one specification of assault upon a civilian law enforcement officer, one specification of assault consummated by a battery, and two specifications of disorderly conduct. On 17 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 50 days confinement and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Navy Region Southeast

General Court-Martial

- None

Special Court-Martial

- None.

Navy Region Northwest

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.

Navy Region Southwest

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, CA, an E-2 was tried for two specifications of domestic violence and two specifications of assault by strangulation. On 12 December 2025, a panel of members found the accused not guilty.
- At a General Court-Martial in San Diego, CA, AE3 Damon L. Pueppke, USN, pled guilty to one specification of distribution of child pornography. On 18 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 48 months confinement, a reduction in paygrade to E-1, and a Bad Conduct Discharge.

Special Court-Martial

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, CA, QM3 Matthew A. Tranchese, USN, pled guilty to one specification of assault consummated by a battery. On 2 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 20 days

confinement. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

- At a Special Court-Martial in San Diego, CA, AS2 Stephan A. Perez, USN, pled guilty to one specification of violating a lawful general order. On 18 December 2025, consistent with the plea agreement, the military judge sentenced him to 69 days confinement. The plea agreement contained a waiver of the accused's administrative separation board.

Navy Region Hawaii

General Court-Martial

- At a General Court-Martial in Honolulu, HI, GSM1 Christopher L. Phillips, USN, was tried for two specifications of simple assault, one specification of aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon, one specification of burglary, and one specification of unlawful entry. On 17 December 2025, a panel of members returned a verdict of guilty to one specification of unlawful entry. The military judge sentenced him to a reduction in paygrade to E-5.

Special Court-Martial

- None

Navy Region Japan

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.

Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central

General Court-Martial

- None.

Special Court-Martial

- None.