Phantom Justice: June 2025

Courts-Martial

On 6 June 2025, at a special court-martial convened at Fort Hood, TX, SGT Jottin M. Matos-Macdonald, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of one specification of larceny and two specifications of fraud against the United States in violation of Articles 121 and 124, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 31 days and to receive a written reprimand. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement and the Soldier was also administratively discharged.

On 9 June 2025, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Hood, TX, CW2 Tiffany S. Clerk. U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to her plea, of one specification of conduct unbecoming of an officer in violation of Article 133, UCMJ. Consistent with the terms of a plea agreement, the military judge did not adjudge additional punishment and the Soldier is pending administrative discharge.

On 25 June 2025, at a general court-martial convened at Fort Hood, TX, SGT Mark E. Bennett, U.S. Army, was convicted by a military judge, pursuant to his pleas, of three specifications of sexual assault in violation of Article 120, UCMJ. The military judge sentenced the accused to be confined for 30 months, and to be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge. The sentence was consistent with the terms of a plea agreement.

CG-Level Separations

A SGT was separated under Chapter 10 w/ an OTH discharge for wrongful broadcast.

A SGT was separated under Chapter 14-12c w/ an OTH discharge for BAH Fraud.

A SPC was separated under Chapter 14-12c w/ an OTH discharge for a sexual offense.

A SPC was separated under Chapter 14-12c w/ a GEN discharge for extramarital sexual conduct and use of illegal drugs.

A CPT was separated w/ an OTH discharge for discharge of a firearm near a family member.

A 1LT was separated w/ a GEN discharge for sexual harassment.

III Armored Corps Military Justice Actions:

- **DWI GOMORs: 5**
- **Misconduct GOMORs: 4**
- **CG Article 15s: 0**
- **DV Administrative Separations: 1**
- **Administrative Separations for sex-related offenses: 1**
- **Courts-Martial for sex-related offenses: 1**
- **Total Courts-Martial: 3**

NOTE: Soldiers being separated administratively may receive one of three characterizations of service: Honorable, General, or Other Than Honorable (OTH). Anything less than an Honorable discharge may result in the loss of certain benefits and negatively affect employment and educational opportunities. References to "Chapter 14-12c" are to specific provisions within Army Regulation 635-200, Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations, related to separation for commission of a serious offense.

NOTE: Cases involving Soldiers accused of committing sexual assault or sexual contact offenses may be disposed of through the administrative separation process for a number of reasons. For example, survivors sometimes prefer the administrative separation process over participating in a court-martial.

NOTE: Officer eliminations are approved at Human Resources Command, whereas enlisted separations are approved at the local installation.

NOTE: A Chapter 10 is an administrative separation in lieu of trial by court martial.