

# Legal Blotter

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## 19th Airlift Wing Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (19 AW/JA)

### Article 15 Actions (Non-Judicial Punishment)

A senior airman assigned to the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand for two violations of Article 86 – Failure to Go, by reporting late to duty for two days in row, after being counseled multiple times of their duty schedule and reporting on time.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand for a violation of Article 107 – False Official Statement, for lying to their supervisor by claiming to have a dental appointment in order to leave work. They continued to lie, after being confronted about the appointment, by pretending to call the clinic to cancel the appointment in front of their section chief.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman and a reprimand for a violation of Article 112a – Wrongful Use of Prescription Medication by testing positive on a random drug screening for Amphetamine. The airman later admitted to ingesting prescription medication prescribed to their friend.

A staff sergeant assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of senior airman and a reprimand for a violation of Article 92 – Failure to Obey a Lawful Order, for violating a no drinking order by consuming alcohol. While at a class at the VA clinic, the member was given a breathalyzer test which registered a BAC of .049. The member initially admitted to drinking the night before, but later denied drinking and claimed they had just used mouthwash.

A technical sergeant assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of staff sergeant and a reprimand for a violation of Article 112a – Wrongful Use of Prescription Medication by testing positive on a random drug screening for Amphetamine and later admitted to ingesting the prescription medication prescribed to their spouse.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand for a violation of Article 86 – Failure to Go by not reporting to duty on time after previously being counseled numerous times regarding their failure to report on time.

A senior airman assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman basic and a reprimand for a violation of Article 112a – Wrongful Use of marijuana by testing positive on a random drug screening.

An airman first class assigned to the 714th Training Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeiture of \$867.00 pay per month for 2 months, restriction to Little Rock AFB for 30 days, and a reprimand for a violation of Article 86 – Failure to Go by not reporting on time for a scheduled aircraft training sortie after being counseled multiple times previously about reporting on time.

### **Involuntary Discharges**

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Airlift Wing received an honorable discharge for failing four fitness assessments in a twenty-four month period.

An airman basic assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a under other than honorable conditions discharge for: being found guilty of wrongfully using, possessing and distributing Psilocybin Mushrooms; wrongfully using Marijuana, Ketamine, and Lysergic Acid Diethylamide; and the airman helped host a party where underage individuals were allowed to consume alcohol.

An airman basic assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for: wrongfully using Marijuana; failing to report for duty multiple times; failing to attend required classes and appointments; and disobeying a direct order.

A senior airman assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received an honorable discharge for: failing four fitness assessments in a twenty-four month period; failing to obey an order on two occasions; failing to report for a mandatory urinalysis screening; and lying to a supervisor about turning in a required form.

*From the 19th Airlift Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate: The Uniform Code of Military Justice authorizes commanders to exercise personal discretion in evaluating each case. Commanders consider the nature of the offense, the record of the servicemember, the need for good order and discipline, the effect of punishment on the servicemember, and the servicemember's record. 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.*