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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 reduction to the grade of airman first class, 45 days extra duty, and a reprimand for a violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty, by willfully misusing his government travel card on multiple occasions.

A staff sergeant assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to the grade of senior airman, 30 days extra duty, a reprimand, and suspended forfeitures of \$390.00 pay per month for two months for a violation of Article 120 - Abusive Sexual Contact and a violation of Article 134 - Drunkenness, for grabbing the breast of a subordinate, and on a separate occasion being incapacitated for the performance of his duties due to previous overindulgence in intoxicating liquor.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Maintenance Squadron received forfeitures of \$200.00 pay per month for 2 months, 20 days extra duty, and a reprimand for a violation of Article 128 - Simple Assault, for punching a sofa near where his spouse and child were sitting while yelling at his spouse.

A senior airman assigned to the 19th Force Support Squadron received forfeitures of \$600.00 pay per month for two months and a reprimand for a violation of Art 107 - False Official Statement, for falsely stating to his primary care manager that his gym bag containing prescription medication was stolen and that he filed a report with the police, in order to obtain an additional refill of medication.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Force Support Squadron received 15 days extra duty, a reprimand, and a suspended reduction to the grade of airman for a violation of Article 109 - Destruction of Non-Military Property, for using scissors to damage the paint of a vehicle belonging to another individual.

An airman first class assigned to the 19th Security Forces Squadron received a reduction to the grade of airman, 30 days restriction, a reprimand, and suspended forfeitures of \$858.00 pay per month for two months for a violation of Article 134 – Adultery, and a violation of Article 134 - Disorderly Conduct, by engaging in sexual relations in a parked car at the Wal-Mart parking lot where local police found both individuals unclothed.

A senior airman assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received forfeitures of \$525.00 pay per month for two months \$375.00 of which was suspended, 45 days extra duty 30 days of which was suspended, a reprimand, and a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class for a violation of Article 92 - Failure to Obey a Lawful Order, for failing to obey three separate orders issued by three different master sergeants to not drive his unregistered vehicle until it was properly registered.

An airman first class assigned to the 714th Training Squadron received a reduction to airman, a reprimand, and suspended forfeitures of \$858.00 pay per month for two months for a violation of Article 92 - Dereliction of Duty, for failing to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age of 21 while at Hangar 1080.

A senior airman assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron received a suspended reduction to the grade of airman first class and a reprimand, for a violation of Article 134 - Other Offenses, for failing to provide adequate food and water to his two dogs, causing them to become extremely malnourished.

Courts-Martial

Senior Airman Cody Mayes, 19th Logistics Squadron, was found guilty at a Special Court-Martial of five specifications for wrongful use of cocaine, psilocybin mushrooms, marijuana, methamphetamine & molly in violation of Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), two specifications for wrongfully possessing, distributing and manufacturing methamphetamine & molly in violation of Article 112a, UCMJ.

As a sentence, SrA Mayes received a reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of \$1,000 pay per month for nine months, confinement for nine months, and a bad conduct discharge.

Involuntary Discharges

A senior airman assigned to the 41st Airlift Squadron received a general discharge for failing to show for training and failing to report for duty on more than one occasion.

A senior airman assigned to the 19th Security Forces Squadron received a general discharge for wrongfully using marijuana, wrongfully possessing marijuana with intent to distribute, wrongfully distributing marijuana, making false official statements about using, possessing and distributing marijuana, failing to obey a direct order, arriving late to mandatory training, failing a dorm inspection, and making false official statements.

An airman assigned to the 314th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received a general discharge for attempting to purchase psilocybin mushrooms, failing to follow instructions for installation of equipment, failing to follow safety procedures, failing to refrain from consuming alcohol while under the legal drinking age, failing to attend a scheduled appointment, running a red light and driving while intoxicated, and driving the wrong way on a one way street.

<u>From the 19th Airlift Wing's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate</u>: 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.