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Approved by the Staff Judge Advocate

The information in this bulletin is intended to provide USAFA personnel a concise summary of discipline across USAFA and should not be interpreted as directing commanders or supervisors to take any particular action in future cases, as all cases are unique. This edition covers cases completed in April and May 2026. The bulletin will be published bi-monthly and specifically include all disciplinary actions involving allegations of sexual misconduct in accordance with DAF guidance. This information will also be accessible at: <https://www.usafa.edu/transparency-bulletin/>

Due to Privacy Act protections, names are only included for courts-martial resulting in a guilty verdict since courts are public hearings.

If you have questions or suggestions for improvement, please direct them to your chain of command.

Sincerely,

Lt. Col. Michael Crenshaw
USAF Academy Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

TRAINING / TRENDS

Government Purchase Card (GPC) Misuse:

The wrongful use of a Government Purchase Card (GPC) is a serious offense for all service members, with potential serious legal consequences. It is critical for our members to understand the importance of adhering to the rules when using a GPC.

Here is a quick reference guide on proper usage of a GPC:

Terms & Conditions – Do not sign the Dotted Line! Cardholders are *NOT* authorized to sign vendor Terms & Conditions. Route these through your contracting office.

AO Pre-Approval – *Always* Get the Green Light. Your Approving Official (AO) must pre-approve every purchase in writing before you swipe. Tasker approvals do not replace the required AO sign-off and funding verification. This includes buying what is specifically authorized.

Basic Needs – Stick to the Basics. Only purchase what satisfies the minimum, basic needs of the Government. Good stewardship means avoiding unnecessary upgrades or “gold-plated” items.

Card Security – Your Card, Your Responsibility. Only the specific person named on the physical card may use it or access its full details. No sharing, no delegating, no exceptions.

UCMJ Violations: Misuse of a GPC is a criminal offense. Depending on the member's status and the specific circumstances, this misconduct can be charged under several articles, including:

- **Article 92 – (Failure to Obey Order or Regulation)**: For violating GPC regulations, policies, or lawful orders.
- **Article 121 – (Larceny and Wrongful Appropriation)**: For using the GPC for personal gain, theft, or “borrowing” government funds.
- **Article 121a – (Fraudulent use of Credit Cards)**: For unauthorized use.
- **Article 132 – (Frauds Against the United States)**: For intentional deception or fabricated receipts.
- **Article 133 – (Conduct Unbecoming an Officer)**: For officers, intentional misuse can be charged as conduct unbecoming an officer, as it represents deceit and a failure of integrity.

These offenses are not minor infractions. Conviction can lead to severe penalties, including confinement, forfeiture of pay, and a punitive discharge.

UPCOMING COURTS-MARTIAL

As a reminder, an accused is innocent of all charges unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. All courts-martial are held in the USAFA Courtroom (2nd Floor, Harmon Hall, within the Legal Office) and are open to the public. If the courtroom is full, individuals may view the proceeding from an overflow room.

CASE NAME	CHARGES	DATE
N/A		

For more information about upcoming cases across the Air Force, visit the AF JAG Corps Public Docket: <https://legalassistance.law.af.mil/AMJAMS/PublicDocket/docket.html>

COURTS-MARTIAL RESULTS

No courts martial completed during this reporting period.

DISCHARGE BOARD RESULTS

Although many discharges/disenrollments may occur via written notification and response, in some cases a discharge board is warranted. The additional due process measures of a board is required in cases involving non-probationary officers, NCOs, Airmen with > 6 years of service, or when seeking a service characterization of Under Other Than Honorable (UOTHC). An UOTHC characterization is reserved for serious misconduct and typically results in a loss of most military/VA benefits. A Board of Inquiry/Discharge Board provides additional procedural standards, to include an impartial panel (similar to a jury), a neutral legal advisor, and the presence of counsel for the government, victim, and respondent.

No discharge boards completed during this reporting period.

NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT

Nonjudicial punishment (NJP) is a tool through which a commander offers an accused the opportunity to have their case decided by the commander or to demand a trial by court-martial. If the individual chooses to accept the NJP, it is not an admission of guilt, but rather a decision to have the commander decide guilt and, if appropriate, punishment. The punishment options in NJP are more limited than at a court-martial and depend on the rank of the commander and the accused. For cadets and officers, punishment is limited to forfeiture of pay, reprimand, and restriction. For enlisted, punishment may also include reduction in rank and/or extra duty. Punishments may also be suspended, which essentially acts as a probationary period in which the punishment will be removed after a period of time if the individual complies with the terms of the suspension.

Solicitation of Prostitution/Extramarital Affair: An Airman First Class received nonjudicial punishment for soliciting prostitution and attempting to solicit prostitution. The Airman First Class was also married when he solicited prostitutes. The punishment included a reduction in rank to Airman Basic, forfeiture of payment of \$1,203.00 pay per month for two months (suspended), and a reprimand.

* Disenrollment/discharge action may be initiated following completion of NJP process. Those actions will be reflected in the next section (Discharges/Disenrollments), but may not appear until the next report due to the time of completion of those actions.

DISCHARGE / DISENROLLMENTS

Airmen and cadets are subject to disenrollment/discharge if they engage in conduct inconsistent with military service. As an analogy to the civilian sector, these decisions are the equivalent of an employer terminating an employee or in the case of cadets, a university removing a student. For non-committed and non-prior enlisted cadets, a disenrollment decision automatically results in discharge from the military. For committed cadets, after disenrollment the SECAF determines whether the cadet will serve their commitment via enlisted service (ADSC), monetary recoupment, ROTC, or whether the service commitment is waived. All individuals discharged from the military will receive a service characterization of either Entry Level (< 180 days), Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions (General) or Under Other than Honorable Conditions (UOTHC). Cadets also receive a rating between 1 and 5, which is used to determine whether they should be considered for other commissioning programs.

The rating system is as follows:

- 1** – Highly recommend;
- 2** – Recommend as average;
- 3** – Should not be considered w/o weighing needs of the service against reasons for disenrollment;
- 4** – Physical/medical;
- 5** – Definitely not recommend;
- 6** – Entry Level/Cadet not at Academy long enough for another rating.

As of the date of this bulletin, the approximate rate for monetary recoupment is \$70,000 per year of attendance at USAFA.

Misconduct:

One enlisted member was charged with stealing government property. Instead of court martial, the member elected to get discharged in lieu of a court martial with an Under Other than Honorable Conditions (UOTHC).

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for disciplinary infractions. The member's misconduct included driving under the influence, possessing open containers of alcohol in their vehicle, and being drunk on duty.

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The member's misconduct included wrongfully accepting found property and knowingly with intent to defraud using a credit card not belonging to the member. The member also rode a motorcycle without completing their mandatory safety brief.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for accumulating over 200 demerit points. The cadet failed to sign out the FalconNet system over 18 times and returned to USAFA after the beginning of Academic Call to Quarters (ACQ) three times. The cadet was disenrolled with an Honorable and a rating of 5 on the DD form 785. The cadet still has approximately 19 months left on their prior enlisted ADSC.

Honor/Probationary Failure

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for an honor code violation for cheating. The cadet was disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD form 785. The cadet was placed on honor probation but committed another honor violation while on probation. The cadet did not incur an ADSC.

SEXUAL MISCONDUCT RESULTS

In accordance with DAFI 51-201, Administration of Military Justice, all legal offices are required to publish the results of disciplinary actions taken in response to allegations of sexual misconduct, to include sexual assault and sexual harassment. The following summary includes only UCMJ or Adverse Administrative Actions taken for allegations of sexual misconduct during this period.

The results are also accessible at: <https://www.usafa.edu/transparency-bulletin/>

DISCLAIMER: The information provided is to foster transparency and promote deterrence amongst Airmen and Guardians. It should not be misconstrued as a mechanism to count cases of sexual misconduct, because it could result in double counting data.

Results of Courts-Martial: N/A

Nonjudicial Punishment: N/A

Administrative Actions: N/A