



UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE ACADEMY

# MILITARY JUSTICE TRANSPARENCY BULLETIN

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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 December 2025 and January 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,

Colonel Theodore Richard  
USAF Academy Staff Judge Advocate

# TRAINING / TRENDS

## Alcohol-Related Misconduct:

The last few months have seen a significant increase in disciplinary actions, including Article 15's, disenrollments, and discharges, stemming from alcohol-related incidents (ARIs). These are not minor infractions; recent cases have involved serious misconduct such as driving under the influence, assaults, trespassing, and unauthorized absences. These actions represent a serious breach of good order and discipline and have resulted in severe consequences for the permanent party and cadets involved.

A critical point of law that all personnel must understand is that voluntary intoxication is not a defense to a crime of intent under either the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) or civilian criminal law. Choosing to consume alcohol to the point of intoxication does not excuse subsequent criminal behavior. You will be held accountable for your actions, regardless of your level of intoxication.

While commanders must refer members to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) program after an ARI, we strongly encourage proactive self-referral. Seeking help is a sign of strength and ensures that treatment can begin as soon as possible.

## The Benefit of Self-Reporting: Limited Use Policy

Under the "Limited Use Policy" (AFI 44-121), if you self-refer to ADAPT, a commander, a first sergeant or a military medical professional before you are under investigation or facing action for alcohol-related offenses, your disclosure cannot be used against you in UCMJ actions or for unfavorable service characterization. The purpose of this policy is to encourage members to get help before a problem leads to misconduct. This protection is not a "get out of jail free card" and does not apply if you are already under investigation, have been apprehended, or have been ordered to provide a urine sample. It is a crucial safeguard for those who proactively address their issues. Honesty and timeliness are key. Generally, someone who self-reports and seeks help is far less likely to see their career impacted than someone who waits until an ARI has occurred.

## ADAPT Contacts

- Community Center: 719-333-5177
- Sijan Hall (Cadets): 719-333-1338
- After-Hours Care: 800-874-2273, Option 1

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

## 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.*

Wrongful Use of a Controlled Substance: A cadet received nonjudicial punishment for wrongfully using Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) on diverse occasions. The punishment consisted of restriction to the limits of the U.S. Air Force Academy for 30 days and a reprimand.

Communicating a Threat and Disobeying Orders: A cadet candidate received nonjudicial punishment for communicating a threat to injure a person's reputation, disobeying a lawful order to stay away from the cadet area, failing to obey no-contact orders, and dereliction of duty by engaging in close personal relationships with numerous cadets. The punishment was a reduction in rank, a suspended forfeiture of \$1,299.00 pay per month for two months, and a reprimand.

Dereliction of Duty and Fraud: A Senior Airman received nonjudicial punishment for being derelict in their duties by wrongfully accepting found property while on post and for wrongfully using another person's credit card without authorization to make a purchase. The punishment included a reduction in rank to Airman First Class, forfeiture of \$1,540.00 pay per month for two months (suspended for six months), 45 days of extra duty (suspended for six months), 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 cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for providing alcohol to a fourth-class cadet under 21 years old, for engaging in a close personal relationship with a cadet fourth-class while an upperclassman, and for engaging in intimate behavior in the Cadet Area. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. Has ADSC. The Secretary of the Air Force will determine whether the cadet is to monetarily reimburse the government for the cost of their Academy education or be ordered to enlisted active-duty service.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for serious misconduct, including multiple incidents of unlawfully entering the property of others and multiple incidents of being drunk and disorderly in a public place. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. Has ADSC. The Secretary of the Air Force will determine whether the cadet is to monetarily reimburse the government for the cost of their Academy education or be ordered to enlisted active-duty service.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for engaging in an unprofessional relationship with a cadet fourth-class. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. Has ADSC. The Secretary of the Air Force will determine whether the cadet is to monetarily reimburse the government for the cost of their Academy education or be ordered to enlisted active-duty service.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for consuming alcohol under the age of 21 and for making a false statement. Disenrolled with an Honorable and a 3 on the DD Form 785. The Superintendent offered the Mentorship, Reevaluation, and Reappointment (MRR) program, but the cadet turned down the offer. No ADSC.

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for a pattern of misconduct demonstrating conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. The member's misconduct included Driving Under the Influence, Assault Consummated by a Battery upon an intimate partner, and failure to go to their appointment place of duty.

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for a pattern of misconduct demonstrating conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline. The member's misconduct included Assault Consummated by a Battery upon a former spouse, Driving Under the Influence, and the nonconsensual recording of private sexual acts involving other service members.

#### **Honor/Probationary Failure**

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for an honor code violation for cheating. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. Has ADSC. The Secretary of the Air Force will determine whether the cadet is to monetarily reimburse the government for the cost of their Academy education or be ordered to enlisted active-duty service.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for failing to meet the terms of their aptitude probation. Disenrolled with an Honorable and a rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

#### **Athletic Deficiency**

One cadet voluntarily resigned in lieu of involuntary disenrollment for athletic deficiencies, including failure of all PFT/AFT assessments during summer RECONDO and during the fall semester, and for a cumulative PEA below 2.0. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 2 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for athletic deficiencies after three failures of the basic water survival course. Disenrolled with an Honorable and a rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. No 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