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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 June and July 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 Nathan Mayenschein
USAF Academy Staff Judge Advocate

TRAINING / TRENDS

Service Member Participation in Predictive Markets

The rise of online predictive markets, where users trade contracts on the outcomes of global events and armed conflicts, poses significant ethical and legal risks. Participating in these platforms can create the perception that Airmen, Guardians, or Cadets are leveraging non-public military information for private financial gain, violating the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) and the Standards of Ethical Conduct.

The Risks of Geopolitical Speculation: Predictive markets allow traders to stake money on real-world military and political outcomes. For personnel involved in strategic planning, exercises, or wargaming, this creates a direct conflict of interest.

The consequences are real. On April 23, 2026, a U.S. Army Special Forces E-8 was indicted for making \$400,000 over 13 online transactions related to Operation Absolute Resolve by using non-public military knowledge to inform his trades.

Key Regulatory Prohibitions: Current regulations provide a clear basis for discipline and caution regarding these platforms:

- 5 CFR 2635.702 & 703: Prohibits using non-public information or official access for financial gain (or the appearance thereof).
- JER Section 2-501: Prohibits service members from gambling while in a duty status, on federal property, or while using government equipment.
- DAFMAN 17-1301: Prohibits using government IT resources or accessed data for private financial gain.

Operational Impact: Speculating on military conflicts also presents severe Operations Security (OPSEC) vulnerabilities. Information that seems routine within a training environment can be highly sensitive when tied to active global markets. Personnel must avoid any financial activities that suggest a private interest in military missions.

If you have questions regarding the ethical implications of outside financial activities, contact the USAFA Legal Office (Civil Law Division) or consult with your chain of command before participating in any predictive market platforms.

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
<i>None scheduled at this time.</i>		
<i>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</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.

No Article 15's during this reporting period.

* 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 consistent patterns of inappropriate and unprofessional conduct. Disenrolled with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge and rating of 5 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for minor disciplinary infractions. The member's misconduct included drinking within 8 hours of a shift on multiple occasions where doing so was not permitted, failing to adhere to weapon safety guidelines and failure to report to duty or reporting late.

One enlisted member was separated with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge for a pattern of misconduct for multiple DUI's.

Honor/Probationary Failure

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for an honor code violation for cheating with into to gain an unfair advantage by using a non-permitted resource. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for an honor code violation for lying about appointments on multiple occasions in order to not be at their appointed place of duty. Disenrolled with an Honorable and rating of 5 on the DD Form 785. 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 involuntary disenrolled for failing to meet the terms of aptitude probation. The cadet was disenrolled with an Honorable discharge and a rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

Academic Deficiency

Two cadets were involuntarily disenrolled for academic deficiencies. Disenrolled with an Honorable and a rating of 3 on the DD Form 785. No ADSC.

One cadet was involuntarily disenrolled for academic deficiencies. Disenrolled with an Honorable and a rating of 2 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