



## Nonjudicial Punishment

Nonjudicial punishment (also referred to as an Article 15, in reference to the Uniform Code of Military Justice, UCMJ, which authorizes the action) is a tool that provides commanders with an essential and swift means of maintaining good order and discipline. A member must accept NJP as a forum for allegations of misconduct or demand trial by court-martial once NJP is offered by a commander. NJP is designed to promote behavioral changes in service members without the stigma that comes with a criminal conviction at trial. NJP lies between a Letter of Reprimand and a court-martial on the spectrum of the continuum of discipline, whose ultimate goal is to promote rehabilitation in service members to encourage them to adhere to standards.

The following NJPs were effectuated at Edwards AFB during the first quarter of 2026:

**A Technical Sergeant (E-6)** assigned to 412 AMXS lied to their superintendent about a vehicle accident, in violation of Article 107 (False Official Statement). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Staff Sergeant (E-5) (suspended), forfeiture of \$2,210.00 pay, 10 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

**A Senior Airman (E-4)** assigned to 412 AMXS operated a vehicle while drunk, in violation of Article 113 (Drunk driving). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Airman First Class (E-3), with reduction to Airman (E-2) (suspended), 7 days extra duty, and a reprimand.

**An Airman First Class (E-3)** assigned to 412 AMXS used derogatory terms when referring to other Airmen, in violation of Article 134 (Indecent language). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Airman (E-2) and a reprimand.

**A Master Sergeant (E-7)** assigned to 412 MXG was absent from their place of duty, without authority, in violation of Article 86 (AWOL). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Technical Sergeant (E-6), forfeiture of \$2,633.00 pay (suspended), 30 days extra duty (suspended), and a reprimand.

**An Airman First Class (E-3)** assigned to 412 OMRS physically assaulted another Airman, in violation of Article 128 (Assault). The commander imposed a punishment of forfeiture of \$1,418.00 pay (suspended) and a reprimand.

**An Airman First Class (E-3)** assigned to 412 TW failed to go to their place of duty, failed to obey a lawful regulation, and was derelict in the performance of their duties, in violation of Articles 86 (Fail to go to place of duty) and 92 (Fail to obey and Dereliction). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Airman (E-2) suspended, restriction to base for 44 days, 30 of those days suspended, and a reprimand.

**An Airman First Class (E-3)** assigned to 412 SFS was derelict in the performance of their duties, in violation of Article 92 (Dereliction), and drove recklessly, exceeding the speed limit by 30 MPH and turning off their headlights to avoid identification, in violation of Article 113 (Reckless driving). The commander imposed a punishment of reduction to the grade of Airman (E-2), forfeiture of \$1,348.00 pay per month for 2 months, and a reprimand.

## **Administrative Discharges**

Involuntarily discharging a service member from the United States Air Force may be an appropriate action for a commander or civilian director to take when a member has demonstrated an inability to meet Air Force standards. Common bases for discharge include, but are not limited to: drug abuse, sexual assault, a civilian court conviction, or a series of minor misconduct. Discharges can result in one of three service characterizations: honorable, under honorable conditions (general), and under other than honorable conditions.

No discharges were completed during the first quarter of 2026.