

**JOINT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
CODE COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE  
UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE**

**October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000**

The Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces; the Judge Advocates General of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Chief Counsel of the Coast Guard; the Director, Judge Advocate Division, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps; Professor Lee D. Schinasi, and United States Magistrate Judge Jacob Hagopian, Public Members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, submit their annual report on the operation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice pursuant to Article 146, Uniform Code of Military Justice, 10 USC § 946.

The Code Committee met during fiscal year 2000 to consider various matters pertaining to the administration of military justice. As in previous years, the meeting was open to the public as duly noted in the Federal Register. Reports were submitted and discussions also took place at the meeting concerning the status and content of various pending proposals to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Manual for Courts-Martial including consideration of a report from the Chairman of the Joint-Service Committee on Military Justice which included discussion of legislative proposals to amend Articles 54, 56a, 71, and 74 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Additionally, the Chairman of that committee discussed various proposals to change Rules for Courts-Martial 701, 707, 1003 and 1107 of the Manual for Courts-Martial. Also, discussions were conducted on a study concerning the administration of non-judicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice; continuing studies on an independent military judiciary; and technology use in the military justice system. The Chairman also noted that the committee had been requested to study a number of military justice issues, to include convening authorities for joint commands, court-martial composition, post-trial matters, and Article 15 issues.

The Code Committee also received a report from a member of the committee concerning the celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The report noted that a symposium on military justice had been conducted on February 25 and 26, 1999, at William and Mary School of Law; an anniversary dinner at which the Chief Justice of the United States was the guest of honor had been held on October 21, 1999, at Fort Myer, Virginia; a ceremonial session of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, marking the occasion of President Truman's signing the legislation creating the Uniform Code of Military Justice, was held on May 5, 2000, with the Honorable Strom Thurmond, President Pro Tempore, United States Senate; and various commemorative activities conducted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces, the United States Army, the United States Air Force, and the United States Navy.

Additionally, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Code was recognized by Congress in the 2000 Authorization Act, and by the President in a Proclamation. (See Appendices L and M.)

Separate reports of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the individual Armed Forces address further items of special interest to the Committees on Armed Services of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, as well as the Secretaries of Defense, Transportation, Army, Navy, and Air Force.

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