

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

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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; Eugene R. Fidell, Esquire, and Professor Fredric I. Lederer, 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 on two separate occasions during fiscal year 1999 to consider various matters pertaining to the administration of military justice. As in previous years, both of these meetings were open to the public and interested attendees participated in the proceedings. On each occasion, Code Committee members were presented reports on pending cases and trends in court-martial activity within each of the Armed Forces. Reports and discussions also took place at both meetings concerning the status and content of various pending proposals to amend the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the Manual for Courts-Martial.

The first meeting was held in Charleston, South Carolina, to permit the Code Committee to visit and tour the U.S. Naval Brig, and to receive a briefing on the wide variety of programs administered at this military confinement facility to assist in prisoner rehabilitation. At this meeting the Code Committee also received and considered Annual Confinement Reports of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force for the prior calendar year.

The second meeting was held in Washington, D.C. It included consideration of a report from a representative of the Joint-Service Committee on Military Justice concerning the selection of court-martial members and the committee's review of the current manner in which nonjudicial punishment was being administered under Article 15, UCMJ, within the Armed Forces. Reports from the Subcommittee on the Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and a Joint-Service Committee Study Group on Technology were also discussed.

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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