

THE DEFENSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION, PROSECUTION, AND DEFENSE OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE ARMED FORCES

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The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces Releases its Court-Martial Adjudication Data Report for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2018

Arlington, Virginia - The Defense Advisory Committee on Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Sexual Assault in the Armed Forces (DAC-IPAD) has submitted its *Court-Martial Adjudication Data Report* for fiscal years 2015 through 2018 to the Secretary of Defense and Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, in accordance with section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Pub. L. 113-291), as amended. The report is now publicly available on the DAC-IPAD website at http://dacipad.whs.mil.

In this stand-alone data report, the DAC-IPAD provides the most comprehensive military sexual assault case adjudication data ever compiled, as well as a detailed statistical analysis conducted by a professional criminologist retained by the DAC-IPAD. The Committee makes no findings or recommendations at this time; its intent with this report is to provide policymakers with the most up-to-date, accurate, and reliable information available on the outcomes of adult sexual assault allegations in which charges were preferred against a military subject under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The Committee is continuing to examine the conviction and acquittal rates for sexual assault prosecutions that are presented in this report as well as the processes for preferring and referring charges for sexual assault offenses to court-martial.

The DAC-IPAD was established by the Secretary of Defense in February 2016, in accordance with section 546 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, as amended. The Committee is tasked to advise the Secretary of Defense on the investigation, prosecution, and defense of allegations of rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault, and other sexual misconduct involving members of the Armed Forces based on its review of such cases on an ongoing basis.

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