

A Recap of Military Sexual Assault Scandals From the Past 10 Weeks

West Point Rugby Team

- Rugby team was disbanded and players stripped of their ranks after an investigation into lewd chain emails found them guilty of perpetuating a “culture of disrespect towards women”
- Players shared emails with the entire rugby squad in which they rated female cadets and civilian girlfriends according to their sexual attractiveness and joked about rape, incest and homosexuality

US Navy football players under investigation for alleged sex assault

- Three U.S. Naval Academy football players under investigation for alleged sexual assault against a female midshipman
- Victim learned from social media and from friends that three football players had claimed to have had sexual intercourse while she was incapacitated
- One was a senior set to graduate last week; his graduation was put on hold pending the investigation. The other two are juniors

Fort Jackson commander facing adultery charges

- Brig. Gen. Bryan Roberts suspended in connection with charges of adultery and involvement in a physical altercation
- Roberts reportedly was in an altercation with his mistress
- Ft. Jackson provides basic training for 50% of all Army recruits

Member Of Fort Hood Sexual Assault Response Team Accused Of Abuse, running prostitution ring

- Soldier assigned to coordinate sexual assault prevention program at Fort Hood under investigation for abusive sexual contact, pandering, assault and maltreatment of subordinates.
- Accused of forcing a subordinate into prostitution, running a prostitution ring.

Head of Air Force's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office arrested for sexual battery

- Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski arrested and charged with sexual battery
- Accused of approaching a woman in a parking lot, sexually assaulting her
- Air Force has removed him of rank and title

Army battalion commander at Fort Greely, Alaska under investigation

- Battalion commander at Space and Missile Defense Command at Fort Greely, Alaska under investigation for allegedly "condoning" adultery and creating an "open season" climate when it comes to sexual activity among the troops
- Allegations that officers had sexual relations with female soldiers under their command.
- According to one military official, "It's as if that was the only thing to do" at the Alaska base.

Lt. Gen. Susan Helms promotion blocked over her dismissal of sex-assault verdict

- Air Force general granted clemency to a convicted sex offender without any public explanation
- Nomination to vice commander of the Air Force's Space Command blocked by Senator Claire McCaskill
- Helms overturned the conviction of a captain convicted of aggravated sexual assault at Vandenberg Air Force Base

Fort Hood GI jailed in rape, kidnapping case

- Sgt. Jeremy Bolen arrested in connection with rape
- Bolen accused of driving a truck as another man raped a 27-year-old Austin woman

Soldier secretly taped female cadets

- Army investigating soldier who helped train cadets at West Point on allegations that he made secret videos of female cadets
- Sgt. 1st Class Michael McClendon, charged with indecency, dereliction of duties, cruelty and maltreatment for being in "possession of inappropriate images taken without consent."
- McClendon allegedly videotaped female cadets while they showered without their consent.

Lackland trainer accused of having sex with four women

- Staff. Sgt. Michael Wladischkin charged with having sex with four women, one in a local nightclub restroom
- Air Force boot camp instructor accused of pursuing seven women in hopes of having sex.
- Admitted in a statement to a liaison with an airman in the restroom, but said he couldn't recall who she was because he had been drinking

Rep. Jackie Speier outs obscene Marine Facebook page

- Speier released portions of a Facebook page, "F'N Wook," denigrating women in the Marine Corps
- Page and others like it "promote the idea that women are inferior and only useful as sexual objects and sandwich makers,"
- Pictures on page captioned with, "This is my rape face;" "She burned my bacon only once," above a woman with a black eye; "I can bang even when I'm not on my back!" for a picture of a woman holding a gun"

Fort Campbell sexual harassment manager arrested

- Lt. Col. Darin Haas, Fort Campbell's sexual harassment program manager, removed from his position after an arrest involving a dispute with his ex-wife
- Haas had sent her threatening texts in violation of an order of protection, arrested and charged with stalking and violating the order of protection

Marine convicted of rape walks without prison time

- 23-year-old woman accused Nicholas Howard, an Anchorage recruiter for the United States Marine Corps, of sexually assaulting her
- Former gunnery sergeant once in charge of the Marine Corps recruiting efforts in Alaska was found guilty of first-degree sexual assault at a military trial
- Howard was stripped of his military rank and privileges and dishonorably discharged, but he was not sentenced to any jail time.
- Military prosecutors had asked for five to seven years, when the sentence was announced, "the entire chain of command's jaws dropped. They could not believe it."

Santa Cruz Murder Suspect Sparks National Debate on Sexual Assault in the Military

- Jeremy Goulet ambushed and killed two Santa Cruz policemen
- While serving in the Military, Goulet was accused of rape by two different women, just months apart. Case files explain the first one lacked enough evidence. But the second rape allegation warranted a court martial.

Wilkerson/Franklin Sexual Assault Scandal

- Lt. Col. James Wilkerson convicted of aggravated sexual assault at Aviano Air Base, Italy
- Conviction overturned by Lt. Gen. Craig Franklin, Wilkerson freed from prison reinstated
- Wilkerson transferred to Davis-Monthan Air Base (Tucson, AZ), where victim's family members reside

Ex-Air Force instructor at Lackland gets six months for role in sex scandal

- Tech Sergeant Bobby Bass, a former Air Force training instructor sentenced to six months in prison for his role in a military sex scandal that has led to changes in training practices
- Offenses included forcing a squadron of recruits to stand naked as he watched
- Bass was also charged with rape and faced the potential of life in prison. But the military court acquitted him of raping a male Airman