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Hello,

I think that in general, the court martial aspect of the military justice system enables the majority of our members to be judged fairly, and provides access to victims and accused members to civilian lawyers for assistance and advice. After a judgement has been made, in some cases, they can file an appeal. Furthermore, there are some offences related to purely military aspects, for which there is no better judge than a military judge; if civilian judges had to be involved in these cases, military experts would be needed to advise the judges before a fair decision could be made. In my opinion, certain offences committed within the context of our military duties must always be judged by a military judge, and measures must be taken as quickly as possible to send a clear message to military members that laws must be respected, and to persuade other members to respect those laws and regulations.

Thank you and have a good day!

Honour and courage.

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