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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

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GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable.

The applicant was offered a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board but declined to exercise this right.

The attached brief contains available pertinent data on the applicant and the factors leading to the discharge.

FINDINGS: Upgrade of discharge is denied.

The Board finds the applicant submitted no issues contesting the equity or propriety of the discharge, and after a thorough review of the record, the Board was unable to identify any.

Issues. Applicant was discharged for misconduct, minor disciplinary infractions. He had three Letters of Reprimand, two Letters of Counseling, one Record of Individual Counseling, and an Article 15. He also had an Unfavorable Information File and referral "2" Enlisted Performance Report. His misconduct included two leave policy infractions, sleeping on duty, a failed scheduled dorm inspection, a Career Development Course failure, and writing several non-sufficient fund checks totaling \$780.00. At the time of the discharge, applicant waived his right to submit statements in his own behalf The Board further noted the leave infractions and the NSF checks were repeat offenses for which the member had been counseled, but failed to adhere to standards. Furthermore, the applicant was age 19 and 20 when his misconduct; and there is no evidence of record he did not know right from wrong He was given numerous opportunities tc improve and was either unwilling or unable to do so. No inequity or impropriety was found in his discharge in the course of the records review.

CONCLUSIONS: The Discharge Review Board concludes that the discharge was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the discharge regulation and was within the discretion of the discharge authority and that the applicant was provided full administrative due process.

In view of the foregoing findings the board further concludes that there exists no legal or equitable basis for upgrade of discharge, thus the applicant's discharge should not be changed.

Attachment: Examiner'sBrief

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD ANDREWS AFB, MD





1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF 94/10/27 UP AFR 39-10, para 5-46 (Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions). Appeals for Honorable Disch.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. DOB: 74/05/28. Enlmt Age: 17 9/12. Disch Age: 20 4/12. Educ:HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-63, E-54, G-62, M-25. PAFSC: 1C531C - Aerospace Control & Warning Systems Apprentice. DAS: 92/12/04.

b. Prior Sv: AFRes 92/03/20 - 92/09/04 (5months 25 days)(Inactive).

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Enld as AB 92/09/15 for 6 yrs. Svd: 2 Yrs 1 Mo 13 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: AMN 94/09/13 (Article 15, 94/09/14) A1C - 92/10/29
- c. Time Lost: none.
- d. Art 15's: (1) 94/09/14, March AFB, CA Article 92. You, who knew of your duties, o/a 05 Aug 94, were derelict in the performance of those duties in that you willfully failed to provide your supervisor with an itinerary of your travel prior to your leave being approved, as it was your duty to do. Rdn to Amn. (Appeal/Denied) (No mitigation)

e. Additional: LOR, 14 SEP 94 - Bad checks. LOR, 22 APR 94 - Bad checks. LOR, 24 MAR 94 - Dereliction of duty. LOC, 19 MAR 94 - Sleeping on post. LOC, 17 MAR 94 - Failed dormitory inspection.

f. CM: none.

- g. Record of SV: 92/09/15 94/05/14 March AFB 3 (Initial) (Discharged from March AFB)
- h. Awards & Decs: NDSM AFTR.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (2 Yrs (7) Mos (8) Das TAMS: (2 Yrs (1) Mos (13) Das

4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appin (DDFm 293) dtd 01/01/04. (Change Discharge to Honorable)

NO ISSUES SUBMITTED.

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FROM: 722 ARW/JA

SUBJECT: Legal Review of Administrative Discharge - Amn Subject SWADS

1. ACTION: This case is before you in your capacity as discharge authority for review and action. The SWADS/CCQ recommends the respondent be separated from the United States Air Force with a general discharge without probation and rehabilitation pursuant to AFR **39-10**, Section H, paragraph **5-46** for minor disciplinary infractions. I concur.

2. FACTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT:

a. On or about 5 Aug 94, **File Vas** derelict in the performance of his duties in that he willfully failed to provided his supervisor with an itinerary of his travel prior to his leave being approved, as it was his duty to do. As a result, he received an Article 15 on 13 Sep 94 and he was reduced to the grade of Airman with a new date of rank of 13 Sep 94.

b. On or about **18** and 29 July **94**, wrote checks to the March Base Exchange with insufficient funds in the total amount of \$180.00. As a result, he received a Letter of Reprimand on 14 Sep **94** and his check cashing privileges were revoked.

c. Between 10 Mar 94 and 22 Apr 94, wrote multiple checks with insufficient funds in excess of \$600.00. As a result, he received a Letter of Reprimand on 22 Apr 94.

d. On or about 8 Mar 94, **Series was** derelict in his duty to either change the return date of his leave or extend his leave before departing; he did neither. As a result, he received a Letter of Reprimand on 24 Mar 94.

e. On or about **19** Mar **94**, slept **on post.** As a result, he received a Letter **of** Counseling **on the same day**.

f. On or about 17 Mar 94, failed his dormitory inspection. As a result, he received a Letter of Courseling on the same day.

3. FACTS FOR THE RESPONDENT:

a. The respondent is 20 years old, and has served approximately 2 years of a current 6 year enlistment. AQE scores are: A-63; E-54; 6-62; and M-25. The APR/EPR history is as follows:

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b. The respondent is entitled to wear the Air Force Training Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal.

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c. The respondent has met with military counsel and has elected not to submit statements regarding this discharge action.

4. ERRORS AND IRREGULARITIES: None.

5. DISCUSSION:

a. Legal Sufficiency: AFR 39-10, paragraph 5-46, authorizes the involuntary separation of airmen who engage in minor disciplinary infractions. Before this discharge I reviewed the offenses which form the basis for this discharge. Within the last 7 months that has received an Article 15, three Letters of Reprimand, three Letters of Counseling and had a Memo for Record prepared, all for minor disciplinary infractions.

This repeated misconduct satisfies the requirements of the regulation and justifies discharge.

b. Character of Discharge: The respondent's commander has recommended a general discharge. I concur. Characterization of service as general is appropriate when significant negative aspects of an airman's conduct outweigh positive aspects of his or her military record.

c. Probation and Rehabilitation: I concur with SWADS/CC. that probation and rehabilitation is not appropriate for this airman. There is no indication given numerous opportunities to rehabilitate himself. There is no indication that further rehabilitative efforts would be successful.

6. RECOMMENDATION: As the discharge authority you have the following options:

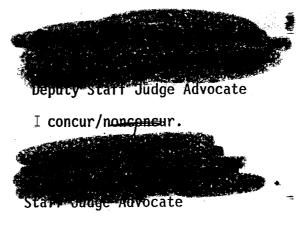
a: Retain the respondent: or

b. Separate the respondent with a general discharge, with or without probation and rehabilitation; or

c. Recommend to **15** AF/CC that the respondent be discharged with an honorable discharge, with or without probation and rehabilitation; or

d. Refer the case to an administrative discharge board.

Based on the foregoing, ${\bf I}$ recommend you separate the respondent from the United States Air Force with a general discharge without probation and rehabilitation.



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MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM: SWADS/GEQ

SUBJECT: Notification Letter

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for minor disciplinary infractions. The authority for this action is AFR 39-10, Section H, paragraph 5-46. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable or general. I am recommending that your service be characterized as general.

2. My reasons for this action are:

a. On or about 5 Aug 94, you were derelict in the performance of your duties in that you willfully failed to provided your supervisor with an itinerary of your travel prior to your leave being approved, as it was your duty to do. As a result, you received a Article 15 on 13 Sep 94 and you were reduced to the grade of Airman with a new date of rank of 13 Sep 94.

b. On or about **18** and **29** July **94**, you wrote checks to the March Base Exchange with insufficient funds in the total amount of **\$180.00**. As a result of your continued financial irresponsibility, you received a Letter of Reprimand on **14** Sep 94 and your check cashing privileges were revoked.'

c. Between **10** Mar 94 and **22** Apr **94**, you wrote multiple checks with insufficient funds in excess of \$600.00. As a result, you received a Letter of Reprimand on 22 Apr 94.

d. On or about 8 Mar **94**, you were derel ct in your duty to either change the return date of your leave or extend your leave before departing; you did neither. As a result, you received a Letter of Reprimand on 24 Mar **94**.

e. On or about **19** Mar **94**, you slept on post. As a result, you received a Letter of Counseling on the same day.

f. On or about 17 Mar 94, you failed your dormitory inspection. As a result, you received a Letter of Counseling on the same day.

3. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. The commander exercising SPCM jurisdiction or a higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the Air Force, and if discharged how your service will be characterized. If you are discharged, you will be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force.

4. You have the right to consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made an appointment for you to $consult_the$ Area Defense Counsel at March Air Force Base, California, 3870 on <u>500794</u> at <u>1400</u>. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

5. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by $\mu \alpha \tau q q$ unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to the separation authority.

6. If you fail to consult counsel or to submit statements in your own behalf, your failure will constitute a waiver of your right to do **so**.

7. You have been scheduled for a medical examination. You must report to 722 MDG, Physical Exams Section at 6730 on 60000 for the examination.

8. Any personal information you furnish in rebuttal is covered by the Privacy Act Statement as explained in AFR **39-10**, attachment 6. A copy of AFR **39-10** is available for your **use** in your unit orderly room.

9. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately,

Squadron Section Commander

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6 Attachments 1. Article 15, 13 Sep 94 2. LOR, 14 Sep 94 3. LOR, 22 Apr 94 4. LOR, 22 Mar 94 5. LOC, 19 Mar 94

6. LOC, 17 Mar 94