



## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD2002-0451

**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:** The Board grants the requested relief.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record or that provided by applicant substantiates an impropriety that would justify upgrade of the discharge. However, based on the record, the Board finds that the applicant's character of discharge is inequitable.

**Issue.** After a thorough and complete consideration of the information submitted by applicant and contained in the records, the Board concluded there was sufficient mitigation to substantiate upgrade of the discharge. Specifically, the Board found the characterization too harsh. However, they did not condone applicant's misconduct.

**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.

However, in view of the foregoing findings, the Board further concludes that the overall quality of applicant's service is more accurately reflected by an Honorable discharge. The applicant's characterization should be changed to Honorable under the provisions of Title 10, USC 1553.

Attachment:

Examiner's Brief

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

(Former AMN) (HGH SRA)

MISSING DISCHARGE CORRESPONDENCE

1. **MATTER UNDER REVIEW:** Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF 10 AUG 88 UP AFR 39-10, para 5-26 (Unsatisfactory Performance). Appeals for Honorable Disch.
2. **BACKGROUND:**
- a. DOB: 3 Feb 66. Enlmt Age: 19 0/12. Disch Age: 22 6/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-54, E-32, G-30, M-17. PAFSC: 64530 - Inventory Management Specialist. DAS: 25 Oct 85.
- b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 28 Feb 85 - 10 Jul 85 (4 months 13 days) (Inactive).
3. **SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:**
- a. Enlisted as AB 11 Jul 85 for 4 yrs. Svd: 3 Yrs 1 Mo 0 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: AMN - 28 Jul 88 (Article 15, 28 Jul 88)  
SRA - 11 Jul 88  
A1C - 11 Nov 86  
AMN - 11 Jan 86
- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: (1) 28 Jul 88, Moody AFB, GA - Article 134. You, being indebted to ----- in the sum of \$79.00 for a VCR rental and repairs, which amount became due and payable on or about 27 Jun 88, did, from 1 Jul 88 to 21 Jul 88, dishonorably fail to pay said debt. Reduction to Amn. (No appeal) (No mitigation)
- e. Additional: Unknown.
- f. CM: None.
- g. Record of SV: 11 Jul 85 - 13 Jun 86 Moody AFB 9 (CRO)  
14 Jun 86 - 31 Dec 86 Moody AFB 9 (CRO)  
01 Jan 87 - 13 Oct 87 Moody AFB 7 (CRO)
- (Discharged from Moody AFB)
- h. Awards & Decs: AFGCM, AFTR.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (3) Yrs (5) Mos (14) Das  
TAMS: (3) Yrs (1) Mos (0) Das

4. **BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW:** Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 5 Oct 02.  
(Change Discharge to Honorable)

Issue 1: To the board: I am asking for an Honorable discharge because I made my decision to get out because my ability to serve was impaired by the fact that I was in hardship. My finance (sic) was more than I was making at the time so I could not afford a pay deduction because I had a wife and 2 kids and a newborn on the way. I had wrote some bad checks already because I couldn't make it with my income. That's the reason for the discharge anyway. I am asking the board to look at my prior service record which is a good record. I had just reenlisted maybe a month before all of this took place. I wanted to stay in very badly. I loved being in the Air Force I just couldn't take my pay cut. Now I am permanantly disabled because I had colorectal cancer that involved my bladder, and I haven't been in any trouble since I got out. I worked for 1 company since I got out the (sic) Air Force. That was the only time I got in trouble while I was in the Air Force or should I say in my life. Thank you.

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1. DD Form 149.

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