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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2004-00155

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

The applicant was offered a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board (DRB) 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 partial relief; the discharge is upgraded to general (under honorable conditions).

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.

ISSUE:

Applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. The records indicated the applicant requested a Discharge in Lieu of Trial by Court-martial. His misconduct included, Charge 1: physically controlling a vehicle while drunk on 5 and 18 May 1999 and Charge 2: overindulgence in intoxicating liquor, incapacitated for the proper performance of his duties, and wrongfully driving a motor vehicle with suspended driving privileges on 18 May 1999. Further evidence in the record indicated that Charge 2 on the DD Form 458 may not have been valid. While the DRB did not condone the members behavior, the Board concluded that his discharge was overly harsh.

CONCLUSIONS: The DRB concluded 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 a General Discharge.

Attachment:								
Exam	iner's	Brief						

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



(Former SSGT) (HGH SSGT)

1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a UOTH Disch fr Holloman AFB, NM on 21 Jul 99 UP AFI 36-3208, Chapter 4 (Triable by Court Martial). Appeals for Honorable Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

- a. DOB: 13 May 69. Enlmt Age: 18 5/12. Disch Age: 30 2/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-46, E-53, G-52, M-76. PAFSC: 2A753 Material Application and Repair MARS Craftsman. DAS: 11 Aug 97.
 - b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 9 Nov 87 15 Jun 88 (7 months 7 days) (Inactive).
- (2) Enlisted as A1C 16 Jun 88 for 4 yrs. Extended 1 Aug 90 for 2 months. Reenlisted as SrA 2 Oct 91 for 4 yrs. Svd: 8 yrs 3 months 22 days, all AMS. SrA 16 Oct 92. EPRs: 4,4,4,4,4,4,5,5.

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Reenlisted as SrA 8 Oct 96 for 6 yrs. Svd: 2 Yrs 9 Mo 14 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: SSqt 1 Nov 96
- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: None.
- e. Additional: LOR, 17 FEB 99 Reason unknown. Listed on "Request for Discharge", but is missing from file.
- f. CM: None.
- g. Record of SV: 10 Aug 96 21 Mar 97 Elmendorf AFB 5 (CRO)
 22 Mar 97 30 Mar 98 Holloman AFB 5 (Annual)
- h. Awards & Decs: AFLSAR W/1 BOLC, AFTR, AFOSLTR, NDSM, NCOPMER W/1 BOLC, AFEM W/2 BOLCS, AFAM.
 - i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (11) Yrs (8) Mos (13) Das TAMS: (11) Yrs (1) Mos (6) Das
 - 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 12 Apr 04. (Change Discharge to Honorable)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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- 1. Applicant's Issues.
- 2. Letter of Recommendation.
- 3. Termination of Employment Letter.
- 4. AF Form 100. 5. DD Form 214. 6. DD Form 4.

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