



**AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE**

CASE NUMBER

**FD-2004-00225**

**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:** Upgrade of discharge is denied.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record nor that provided by the applicant substantiates an inequity or impropriety that would justify a change of discharge.

**ISSUES:**

Issue 1. Applicant was discharged for discreditable involvement with military or civilian authorities. The records indicated the applicant received seven Letters of Reprimand and two Letters of Counseling for misconduct. Her infractions included multiple dress and appearance violations, many instances of financial irresponsibility, missing an appointment, driving without insurance, and reckless driving. Applicant notes she was struggling with marital problems at the time, and was young and made poor decisions. She concedes she "acted out" in negative ways rather than seeking assistance to help her cope with her problems. While the record does substantiate that applicant was having severe marital problems at the time, the Board did not view applicant's situation as being unique or unusual to other similarly situated airmen who are able to manage their stress and successfully complete their enlistments without misconduct. Therefore, the Board found these issues to be insufficient mitigation or extenuation to warrant granting an upgrade. The DRB opined that through the unit's extensive administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change her negative behavior, but she was unable or unwilling to be rehabilitated. The Board concluded the misconduct was a significant departure from conduct expected of all military members and the characterization of the discharge was appropriate.

Issue 2 applies to the applicant's post-service activities. The DRB was pleased to see that the applicant was doing well and has a good job. However, this does not provide a basis of inequity or impropriety to support an upgrade, and none was found during the records review. The Board concluded the misconduct of the applicant appropriately characterized her term of service.

**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's Brief

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

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(Former A1C) (HGH A1C)

1. **MATTER UNDER REVIEW:** Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr Norton AFB, CA on 17 Dec 91 UP AFR 39-10, para 5-47a (Pattern of Misconduct - Discreditable Involvement With Military or Civilian Authorities). Appeals for Honorable Discharge.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

a. DOB: 7 Jan 70. Enlmt Age: 19 4/12. Disch Age: 21 11/12. Educ: BACHELOR DEGREE. AFQT: N/A. A-82, E-59, G-55, M-28. PAFSC: 39230 - Apprentice Maintenance Scheduling Specialist. DAS: 17 Jan 90.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 30 May 89 - 31 Aug 89 (3 months 2 days) (Inactive).

3. **SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:**

a. Enlisted as AB 1 Sep 89 for 4 yrs. Svd: 2 Yrs 3 Mo 18 Das, all AMS.

b. Grade Status: A1C - 1 Jan 91  
Amn - 1 Mar 90

c. Time Lost: None.

d. Art 15's: None.

e. Additional: LOR, 14 NOV 91 - Driving without insurance.  
LOR, 23 OCT 91 - Reckless driving.  
LOR, 10 OCT 91 - Financial irresponsibility.  
LOR, 09 OCT 91 - Failure to meet personal appearance/grooming standards.  
LOR, 27 AUG 91 - Missed mandatory appointment.  
LOR, 26 AUG 91 - Financial irresponsibility.  
LOR, 31 JUL 91 - Financial irresponsibility.  
LOC, 18 JUN 91 - Failure to meet Air Force weight standards.  
LOC, 08 MAR 91 - Failure to comply with AFR 35-10, in regards to both wear of the uniform and personal appearance.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: 1 Sep 89 - 30 Apr 91 Norton AFB 3 (Initial)

h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM, AFOUA.

i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (2) Yrs (6) Mos (18) Das  
TAMS: (2) Yrs (3) Mos (18) Das

4. **BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW:** Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 14 Jun 04.  
(Change Discharge to Honorable)

Issue 1: At the time of my discharge, I was very young, newly married, struggling with my ex-husband's infidelity (sic) and trying to be a productive military person.

I made several wrong choices and made poor decisions during my enlistment. Instead of searching or asking for assistance with my depression, anxiety and anger, I acted out - unfortunately in negative ways.

At 34 years of age, I now work as a disabilities manager serving a magnitude, of consumers and supervising staff. I have my Bachelor's degree in Psychology and have been accepted to the graduate program @ Suny Cortland. I am a mother of 2 wonderful children, engaged to be married on June 19, 2004 - active with teenagers and young children, a mentor for the Big Sisters/Big Brothers program and was just elected to our local school Board of Education. I am immensely proud of being a Veteran of the USAF and would like my General discharge (Under honorable conditions) changed to a honorable discharge. Every day is a day of learning and it would be in my best interest to have this change made to my DD Form 214, ASAP.

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1. News Item.
2. DD Form 214.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 63D MILITARY AIRLIFT WING (MAC)

NORTON AIR FORCE BASE CA 92409

FD 2004-80225

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 63 CRS/CC

29 NOV 1991

SUBJECT: Letter of Notification

TO: AIC [REDACTED]

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for a Pattern of Misconduct, according to AFR 39-10, under the provisions of paragraph 5-47a, Discreditable Involvement with Military or Civil Authorities. 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 discharge action are as follows:

a. On 8 Mar 91, you failed to comply with AFR 35-10 in regards to wear of your uniform and your personal appearance. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Counseling.

b. On 11 Mar 91, you failed to wear your uniform properly and maintain your personal appearance, when you did not have your name tag or rank chevrons on your shirt and your skirt was too small, for which you were verbally counseled on 11 Mar 91.

c. On 26 May 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$22.94. The check was returned for insufficient funds for which you were scheduled to see a financial advisor on 2 Jul 91.

d. On 8 Jul 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$150.00 for which you had insufficient funds. For this conduct, you were counseled on 23 Jul 91.

e. On 11 Jul 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$15.00, and on 17 Jul 91, you wrote another check in the amount of \$51.95. Both checks were returned for insufficient funds. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand on 31 Jul 91.

f. On 31 Jul 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$23.69 for which you had insufficient funds. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand, a UIF was established and you were placed on the Control Roster on 26 Aug 91.

g. On 27 Aug 91, you failed to go to a mandatory appointment at the 63 CRS Orderly Room, Building 752. Also you did not comply with AFR 35-10 when you failed to wear a belt on your fatigue pants. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand.

h. On 25 Sep 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$25.00, on 26 Sep 91, you wrote two checks in the amount of \$25.00 and \$10.00, on 27 Sep 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$25.00, on 28 Sep 91, you wrote two checks in the amount of \$14.85 and \$20.45, on 30 Sep 91 you wrote a check in the amount of \$14.00, and on 1 Oct 91, you wrote a check in the amount of \$5.00. Each of these checks was returned for insufficient funds, for which you received a Letter of Reprimand, another entry in your UIF and retention on the Control Roster.

i. On 9 Oct 91, you were 20 minutes late for duty and you did not comply with AFR 35-10 when your uniform was not pressed, your blue shirt was not tucked in under your blue sweater, and your hair was not properly groomed. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand.

j. On 13 Oct 91, at your apartment complex in San Bernardino, CA, you were driving your vehicle recklessly. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand on 23 Oct 91.

k. On 7 Oct 91, you violated a lawful general order in San Bernardino County by driving your vehicle without insurance. For this conduct, you received a Letter of Reprimand on 14 Nov 91.

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 higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged, and if you are 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 legal counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made an appointment for you to consult the Area Defense Counsel on 2 Nov 91 / 10:00. 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 within three workdays, NLT 4 Nov 91 at 10:30 hours. 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 on N/A at 0700. Do not drink alcohol 72 hours prior to your exam, or eat 12 hours prior to your exam - water is allowed.

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 the orderly room.

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

  
Major, USAF  
Commander. 63 S

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1A. Supporting Documents for the  
Reasons for Discharge

1B. Documents Containing Derogatory  
Information Which Are Not Listed in  
the Letter of Notification

2. Airman's Receipt of Notification  
Letter