

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

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TYPE GEN	PERSONAL APPEARANCE	X	RECORD REVIEW
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COUNSEL	NAME OF COUNSEL AND OR ORGANIZATION	ADDRESS AND OR ORGANIZATION OF COUNSEL
YES	No	
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MEMBER SITTING	VOTE OF THE BOARD				
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ISSUES	A93.09	INDEX NUMBER	A49.00	EXHIBITS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD	
				1	ORDER APPOINTING THE BOARD
				2	APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE
				3	LETTER OF NOTIFICATION
				4	BRIEF OF PERSONNEL FILE
					COUNSEL'S RELEASE TO THE BOARD
					ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS SUBMITTED AT TIME OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE
					TAPE RECORDING OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE
HEARING DATE	08 Dec 2005	CASE NUMBER	FD-2005-00199		

APPLICANT'S ISSUE AND THE BOARD'S DECISIONAL RATIONALE ARE DISCUSSED ON THE ATTACHED AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

Case heard at Washington, D.C.

Advise applicant of the decision of the Board, the right to a personal appearance with/without counsel, and the right to submit an application to the AFBCMR

Names and votes will be made available to the applicant at the applicant's request.

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER 	SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT
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INDORSEMENT	DATE: 12/12/2005
TO: SAF/MRBR 550 C STREET WEST, SUITE 40 RANDOLPH AFB, TX 78150-4742	FROM: SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD 1535 COMMAND DR, EE WING, 3RD FLOOR ANDREWS AFB, MD 20762-7002

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

CASE NUMBER

FD-2005-00199

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable, to change the reason and authority for the discharge, and change the reenlistment code.

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, change of reason and authority for discharge, and change of reenlistment code are 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.

ISSUE: Applicant does not contest his discharge. He states that he wants an upgrade in order to enlist in the Army. The records indicated the applicant received a General discharge for not attending drills (weekend duty) in the Air National Guard. The DRB opined that the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior, yet, he insisted on missing his weekend Unit Training Assemblies. The Board concluded the misconduct was a significant departure from conduct expected of all military members. The characterization of the discharge received by the applicant was found to be appropriate.

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

[REDACTED]
(Former SRA) (HGH SRA)

1. **MATTER UNDER REVIEW:** Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr Will Rogers ANG Base, OK on 1 Oct 04 UP AFI 36-3209, para 3.13 (Unsatisfactory Participation). Appeals for Honorable Discharge and to Change the RE Code, Reason and Authority for Discharge.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

a. DOB: 30 Mar 83. Enlmt Age: 17 11/12. Disch Age: 21 6/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-74, E-67, G-68, M-67. PAFSC: 2E033 - Ground Radio Communications Apprentice. DAS: 20 Mar 01.

b. Prior Sv: None.

3. **SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:**

a. Enlisted as A1C 20 Mar 01 for 6 years. Svd: 03 Yrs 06 Mo 12 Das, of which AMS is 10 mos 06 days.

b. Grade Status: SrA - 19 Nov 02

c. Time Lost: None.

d. Art 15's: Unknown.

e. Additional: Unknown.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: None.

h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM.

i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (03) Yrs (06) Mos (12) Das
TAMS: (00) Yrs (10) Mos (06) Das

4. **BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW:** Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 16 May 05.

(Change Discharge to Honorable, and Change the RE Code, Reason and Authority for Discharge.)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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1. Applicant's Issues.
2. NGB Form 22.
3. Discharge Order.

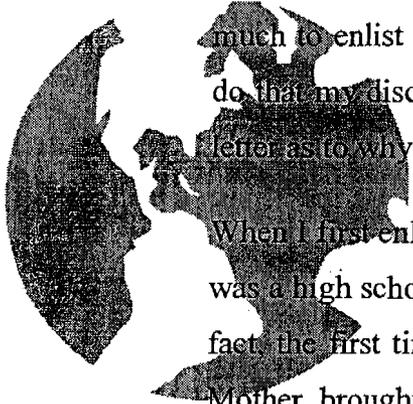
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May 16, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, [REDACTED] am sending this letter as an appeal to ask for your consideration in upgrading my discharge from the Air National Guard in Oklahoma City from a "General under Honorable Conditions" to an "Honorable" discharge. I want very much to enlist in the United States Army for full-time service commitment and in order to do that my discharge needs to be upgraded. I will do my best to give some insight in this letter as to why I ask for an upgrade to my discharge.



When I first enlisted in the Air National Guard I was in a mindset of "I'm still just a kid." I was a high school senior with no outlook on what I planned to do for the rest of my life. In fact the first time I gave any idea of enlisting into the military whatsoever was when my Mother brought it up as a suggestion. Since she's retired Air Force (20+ years), she suggested it as a good start into adult life for me. Still, I kept in mind that I was only 18 years old...I had a lot of other things on my mind and the military was not one of them. I didn't want to think about being an adult or anything that went along with being an adult. Eventually I would have to face adulthood and did I ever...the very, very hard way. What a rude awakening it would be.

After listening to my Mother suggest entering the U.S. Air Force, the Air National Guard finally appealed to me. I thought "what the heck...two days per month, two weeks per year. How could a person beat that?" So I figured I'd kill two birds with one stone. I'd go into the military to make a man of myself and still have free time to hang out with my friends. With those thoughts in mind, I enlisted.



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Basic training and technical school training were extremely good experiences for me; experiences of a lifetime and ones that I'll never regret or forget. During basic and technical training, I was shown first-hand how the military way of life can be. I learned about responsibility, teamwork, leadership, duty, and honor.

After all training had been completed, I felt an enormous sense of pride and accomplishment. When the time came for me to return home to Oklahoma City, I began to realize that I should have gone into the Air Force full-time but it was too late. I was already enlisted in the Air National Guard.

Upon returning to Oklahoma City I purchased a car and eventually moved out of my Mother's house. I moved in with friends and went to my drills at the Guard Unit for six months. During those six months I was a good performer with the Air National Guard. It's after the sixth month that things seemed to go downhill in my life; I wrecked my car which was my only means of transportation to and from the Guard Unit (there were no local buses that ran out that far); I had no job or money to purchase another car so I stopped going to drills; I eventually had to move out of the apartment I shared with friends; I started living from place to place and fell in with people who didn't have my best interests in mind nor their own.

My life seemed to grow very dark, so dark I could hardly see. Here I was living from place to place getting jobs for short periods of time here and there, no money most of the time, no car, or food to eat a lot of the time. I never imagined my life would ever get to a point like that...rock bottom...and being so young. While going through difficult times I began to question myself like "why didn't I hold onto all those good things that were taught to me during the United States Air Force basic and technical training? How could I have let those good things go"? I also came to realize that when good advice is given from those who truly care about and love you, it should be listened to.



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One day I sat down and thought long and hard...what could I do to get out of the rut I was in? Knowing I could not get back into the Air National Guard or full-time Air Force for that matter, I realized that I had truly loved the time I served in the military.

It's at that moment I thought "I'm going to enlist in the United States Army" so I went to talk to an Army recruiter (October 2004). Because I had recently been discharged from the Air National Guard, the recruiter told me due to Army regulations I had to wait for six months.

For six months I stayed in contact with the recruiter that I initially talked to, to assure him I was very serious about volunteering. After the six-month period (April 2005), I met with the Army recruiter again and he began the process with me for enlistment. All documentation required for me to enlist was approved except my discharge paperwork because of its wordings "General under Honorable Conditions." In the meantime, the recruiter is keeping everything on hold to see if there can be an upgrade to my discharge.

I'm truly sorry and deeply regret that I didn't stay committed to the Air National Guard and wish I could do it all over again but I know I can't. I've made foolish mistakes and bad decisions during the last three years of my life but with everything I've gone through and without a doubt, I know I very much want to become a part of the U.S. military again if given the chance to prove myself once more.

I humbly appeal to you to please take my request for upgrade of my discharge into consideration so that I may again serve my country through enlistment of the United States Army. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*"A careful inventory of all
past experiences may
disclose the startling fact
that everything has happened
for a reason and for the best."
- Unknown*