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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2005-00253

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

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 contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh and is based on one isolated incident. The records indicated the applicant was discharged from the Utah Air National Guard in accordance with AFI 36-3208, Chapter 4, Discharge in Lieu of Court Martial. The applicant had four infractions within a twelve month period. The first infraction was for simple assault and the other three infractions were for indecent exposure. The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior. 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

:	(Former	SSGT)	(HGH	SSGT)

1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a UOTH Disch fr Utah ANG Base, Salt Lake City, UT on 10 Feb 03 UP AFI 36-3208, Chapter 4 (Discharge in Lieu of Court Martial). Appeals for Honorable Discharge, and to Change the RE Code, Reason and Authority for Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

- a. DOB: 27 May 76. Enlmt Age: 18 4/12. Disch Age: 26 8/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-50, E-38, G-38, M-72. PAFSC: 3P051 Security Forces Journeyman. DAS: 18 Apr 95.
- b. Prior Sv: (1) Enlisted ANG as AB 25 Oct 94 for 4 yrs. Svd: 2 yrs 5 months 26 days, of which AMS is 6 months 18 days. Amn 11 Jul 95. A1C 26 Feb 96. No performance reports.

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Reenlisted ANG as A1C 21 Apr 97 for 6 yrs. Svd: 05 Yrs 09 Mo 20 Das, of which AMS is 4 months 9 days.
 - b. Grade Status: SSgt 15 Aug 99 SrA - 14 Aug 97
 - c. Time Lost: None.
 - d. Art 15's: None.
 - e. Additional: None.
 - f. CM: None.
 - q. Record of SV: None.
 - h. Awards & Decs: JMUA, AFOUA, NDSM, SAEMR, AFTR, UNGAR.
 - i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (08) Yrs (03) Mos (16) Das TAMS: (01) Yrs (10) Mos (27) Das
- 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 21 Jun 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. Twenty Two Character References.
 3. Certificate of Achievement.
 4. Two Letters of Appreciation.
 5. Eight Training Certificates.
 6. Copy of Military Personnel Documents.

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TO: Members of the board for Review of Discharge
From:
Re: DD form 293 Item #6
I believe that my discharge was inequitable because it was based on one isolated incident in my 8 ½ years of service to the State of Utah and the United States of America. I know that the decision was mine to accept the type of discharge that I received and I will not make excuses but I have realized that I still have a great t desire to serve in the United States Air Force/ Utah Air National Guard. I have contacted recruiters and they have stated that I must get the discharge upgraded if at all possible before I can re-enlist. I understand that I brought discredit upon the United States Air Force and for this I am deeply sorry. I also understand that I embarrassed my Unit and my family by my actions over 2 years ago. As I walk around and see men and women wearing the uniform of their branch of service I feel left out and ashamed. There are very few words that I can use to describe how I feel. I would like to give one of many examples of how this has affected my life. On July 4th 2003 shortly after I was discharged I was with my family at a local 4th of July parade. As I was standing there and the parade was under way, one of the aircraft from my base, a KC-135 and several F-16 fighters flew over the parade route to kick off the celebrations. As I stood there and saw the aircraft and heard the sounds of their engines, my heart sank and I had to fight to keep the tears back. My son was with me also and mentioned something about the aircraft; I stated to him what type they were while I had a tear streaming down my cheek. The parade then began with several dignitaries being driven down the parade route in several Humvees. Once again the tears ran down my face. While I was standing there watching the parade, I realized that I may never be able to wear the uniform of the United States Military ever again and this was very depressing. I have been going to the Utah Air National Guard base my entire 29 years of my life. My father was also in the same unit that I was. Most of the individuals in my unit I have known mos
son that I will do everything possible to become a "soldier" again so that I can return to my "soldier work". Thank you for your time in reviewing my evidence and considering me for a discharge upgrade.

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