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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

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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.

ISSUE:

Issue 1. The applicant was discharged with a general discharge. Although not explicitly stated, applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. She further contends that she was a victim of domestic violence and did not want anyone to know. She was a single parent and was not always truthful with her leadership concerning her personal situation. She requests an upgrade of her discharge because she does not like the fact her leadership used the negative information to process her for discharge. The records indicated the applicant received six Letters of Reprimand and two Letters of Counseling for misconduct. Applicant was administratively disciplined with six Letters of Reprimand for disobeying a lawful order, wearing unauthorized rank, being late for a scheduled appointment, late reporting to work, failure to go, and failure to obey an order. The Letters of Counseling were administered for failing to attend a mandatory briefing and disobeying a lawful order. The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change her 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.

Issue 2. The DRB was pleased to see that the applicant is doing well, has a good job and is continuing her education. However, no inequity or impropriety in her discharge was suggested or found in the course of the hearing. 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

(Former A1C) (HGH A1C)

1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF Andrews AFB, MD on 24 Feb 05 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.49 (Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions). Appeals for Honorable Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. DOB: 6 Jun 84. Enlmt Age: 18 0/12. Disch Age: 20 8/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-72, E-45, G-44, M-28. PAFSC: 3P031 - Security Forces Apprentice. DAS: 6 Jun 03.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 27 Jun 02 - 13 Jan 03 (6 months 17 days) (Inactive).

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Enlisted as AB 14 Jan 03 for 6 yrs. Svd: 02 Yrs 01 Mo 11 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: A1C 28 Feb 03
- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: None.
- e. Additional: LOR, 06 JAN 05 Failure to obey an order. LOR, 13 DEC 04 - Failure to go. LOR, 19 JUL 04 - Late for work for the third time. LOR, 19 JUL 04 - Late reporting to a scheduled appointment. LOC, 31 JUL 03 - Failure to attend a mandatory briefing. LOR/UIF, 08 MAY 03 - Wearing unauthorized rank. AETC/UIF, 14 APR 03 - Failure to go. LOR/UIF, 16 MAR 03 - Disobeying a lawful order or regulation. LOC/UIF, 14 MAR 03 - Disobeying a lawful order or regulation.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: 14 Jan 03 - 22 Oct 04 Andrews AFB 3 (Initial)

- h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (02) Yrs (07) Mos (28) Das TAMS: (02) Yrs (01) Mos (11) Das
- 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 21 Jan 06.

(Change Discharge to Honorable)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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- Applicant's Issues.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 89TH AIRLIFT WING (AMC)

MEMORANDUM FOR A1C

7Feb 2005

FROM: 89 SFS/CC 1845 Westover Drive Andrews AFB MD 20762

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Misconduct, specifically, Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32, *Military Retirements and Separations*, 14 Jul 93, and AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, 9 Jul 04, Chapter 5, Section H, paragraph 5.49. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as General (Under Honorable Conditions).

2. My reasons for this action are:

a. On 4 Jan 05, you failed to notify your flight leadership of your child's medical situation as you had been instructed to do, in violation of Article 92, *Failure to obey a lawful order*. For this act of misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 6 Jan 05. (Atch 1)

b. On 13 Dec 04, you failed to report for duty at the appointed time, in violation of Article 86, *Failure to go*, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). For this misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 13 Dec 04. (Atch 2)

c. On 19 Jul 04, you were late for duty for the third day in a row, in violation of Article 92, *Failure to obey a lawful order*, UCMJ. For this act of misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 19 Jul 04. (Atch 3)

d. On 16 Jul 04, you were late for a scheduled appointment and late for duty, in violation of Article 92, *Dereliction of duty*, UCMJ. For this misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 19 Jul 04. (Atch 4)

e. On 9 Jul 04, you asked another Airman to help you lie to your supervisor by pretending to be a nurse who had tended to your sick child at the emergency room. (Atch 5)

f. On 29 Jul 03, you failed to attend a mandatory briefing, in violation of Article 92, *Failure to obey a lawful order*, UCMJ. For this act of misconduct, you received a letter of counseling, dated 31 Jul 03. (Atch 6)

g. On 8 May 03, an Unfavorable Information File (UIF) was established (Atch 7) because of the following misconduct:

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(1) Investigation revealed you wore the rank of Airman First Class, which you admitted you knew you were not authorized to wear. For this act of misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 8 May 03. (Atch 8)

(2) On 14 Apr 03, you missed a mandatory physical conditioning training session. This misconduct was recorded on an AETC Form 173, Student Record of Nonacademic Counseling, dated 14 Apr 03. (Atch 9)

(3) On 15 Mar 03, you were found in a male Airman's dorm room, in violation of Article 92, *Dereliction of duty*, UCMJ. For this misconduct, you received a letter of reprimand, dated 16 Mar 03. (Atch 10)

(4) You were found with a male Airman in a female dorm room, in violation of Article 92, *Dereliction of duty*, UCMJ. For this misconduct, you received a letter of counseling, dated 14 Mar 03. (Atch 11)

3. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. Documentation of derogatory data contained in your Personnel Information File and Unfavorable Information File may affect whether I recommend your discharge and the characterization of your service. The commander exercising Special Court-Martial jurisdiction or a higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the Air Force 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 military counsel. I have made an appointment for you with the Area Defense Counsel (ADC). Report to 1398 Menoher Drive at <u>0900</u> hrs on <u>8 FEB</u> 05, for an appointment with ______. You may request, if reasonably available, another military counsel of your choosing. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

5. You have the right to submit statements on your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me no later than 3 duty days from today, unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. Any such statements received by me within the allotted time, will be forwarded to the separation authority.

6. If you fail to consult counsel or to submit statements on 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 $\underline{6} \underline{f_{eb}}$ 2005 at $\underline{1100}$. You must report to the 89th Medical Group, for the examination. Report to Physical Exams, Bldg 1075, Room Y05, prior to your appointment to pick up your DD Form 2697.

8. The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC 552a, as amended, protects any personal information you submit as rebuttal to this action. A copy of AFI 36-3208 is available for your use at the ADC's office or via the Internet at http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/pubfiles/af/36/afi36-3208/afi36-3208.pdf.

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9. Execute the attached receipt of notification (Atch 12) and return it to me immediately.

Commander, \$9th Security Forces Squadron

Attachments:

- 1. LOR, 6 Jan 05
- 2. LOR, 13 Dec 04
- 3. LOR, 19 Jul 04
- 4. LOR, 19 Jul 04
- 5. AF Form 1168 (8 pages)
- 6. LOC, 31 Jul 03
- 7. AF Form 1058, 8 May 03
- 8. LOR, 8 May 03
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