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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, to change the reason and authority for the discharge, and to 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 contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. He contends that he was punished at Keesler AFB with 30 days of correctional custody and reduction in rank. He feels his life should not be ruined for disciplinary infractions in which he already received punishment. The records indicated the applicant received two Article 15's, and a Vacation for misconduct. The first Article 15 was for providing alcohol to an airman under the age of 21. He received a suspended reduction to airman basic and 30 days of correctional custody. The Vacation action was for failure to go to appointed place of duty. This action resulted in his reduction in grade to airman basic. The second Article 15 was for failure to report to the First Sergeant's office. He was punished with restriction to the limits of Eglin AFB for 14 days and 14 days of extra duty. 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

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1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF Eglin AFB, FL on 5 Jul 05 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.49 (Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions). Appeals for Honorable Discharge and to Change the Reason and Authority for Discharge.

#### 2. BACKGROUND:

a. DOB: 17 Jan 83. Enlmt Age: 21 0/12. Disch Age: 22 5/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-45, E-54, G-55, M-68. PAFSC: 2E633 - Telephone Systems Apprentice. DAS: 28 Dec 04.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 4 Feb 04 - 17 May 04 (3 months 14 days) (Inactive).

#### 3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Enlisted as AB 18 May 04 for 4 yrs. Svd: 01 Yrs 01 Mo 18 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: AB 14 Mar 05 (Vacation of Article 15, 6 Jan 05)
  Amn 18 Nov 04
- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: (1) 10 Jun 05, Eglin AFB, FL Article 86. You, did, on or about 27 May 05, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: the First Sergeant's office, Building 249 at 0900 hours. Restriction to the limits of Eglin AFB, Florida, marked by the East, West, Hospital and ACC gates for 14 days. Fourteen days extra duty. (No appeal) (No mitigation)
  - (2) 6 Jun 05, Vacation, Eglin AFB, FL Article 86. You, did, on or about 23 May 05, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: Building 253. Reduction to AB. (No appeal) (No mitigation)
  - (3) 14 Mar 05, Eglin AFB, FL Article 92. You, who knew of your duties, on or about 12 Feb 05, were derelict in the performance of those duties in that you willfully failed to refrain from providing alcohol to Amn \_\_\_\_\_\_, who was under the age of twenty-one, as it was your duty to do. Suspended reduction to AB. Thirty days correctional custody, and a reprimand. (No appeal) (No mitigation)

- e. Additional: None.
- f. CM: None.
- q. Record of SV: None.
- h. Awards & Decs: GWOTSM, AFTR, NDSM.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (01) Yrs (05) Mos (02) Das TAMS: (01) Yrs (01) Mos (18) Das
- 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 10 Feb 06. (Change Discharge to Honorable, and Change the Reason and Authority for Discharge)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

### ATCH

- 1. Applicant's Issues.
- 2. Notification Memorandum.
- 3. AF Form 3070, Nonjudicial Punishment Proceedings, 14 Mar 05.
- 4. AF Form 366, Record of Proceedings of Vacation of Suspended Nonjudicial Punishment, 06 Jun 05.
- 5. AF Form 3070, Nonjudicial Punishment Proceedings, 10 Jun 05.
- 6. Statement of Financial Status.
- 7. Letter of Support.

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Issue 1: Providing alcohol to airmen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_at the time when this incident happened I just never gave any thought of how old he was or the age of anyone else in our circle of guys I ran around with. When you eat, sleep, P.T., live and go to class and go through all the same military experiences these guys are all you know. You do everything together. I know I showed poor judgment drinking with him. But nobody's judgment is good when alcohol is involved. I was sent to Keesler AFB for 30 days of correctional custody. I don't even know how to begin to tell you what 30 days of CC did to me. It's an experience to me a nightmare I will remember the rest of my life. The prison guards at Abu Greib prison didn't have anything on this kind of punishment. Only we weren't physically beaten not at the hands of someone else but they had other ways of physically beating us things I did there:

- 1. Digging holes in the sandpit <u>ALL DAY</u> then filling them back in. Then starting all over again.
- 2. Filling sand bags hundreds of them building a wall then tearing it down and dumping the sand out.
- 3. Raking leaves when there were no leaves to rake. But you considered it a good day without a shovel in your hand.
- 4. Being told to get in full dress uniform. Then being told to run behind a jeep and to keep up with it for miles in the summer heat.
- 5. Being fed a full meal and getting P.T. until you threw up or passed out or both. I was always being told to do someone else's push-ups, sit-ups, and pull-ups. There was a female in the group that I was order to do hers after she fell over from exhaustion. This was an everyday basis. I was always singled out to do her left over tasks. I am a very muscular and physically fit person. This guy was in my face everyday doing this, he told me he would break me, he said I eat steroids and wash them down with beer. He'd get angrier when I wouldn't agree with that remark and P.T. me all the more, But I never lost my military bearing like many did. I would like to say I had no respect for anyone that orders you to do something they've never done themselves. I also want to say I've never been a violent person. I could never severely harm another person just for kicks. I couldn't even hunt animals with my dad growing up because I couldn't kill things. But I went to bed every night there with murderous thoughts for that guy, and that's NOT me. I was so afraid of what I was becoming being there. The only way I could cope was to put my mind somewhere else thinking of good times with my family and friends at home, shutting this guy out. I went through this daily physical abuse. It served no purpose in correction. This guy loved his job.
- 6. To use the bathroom there were 6 red lines in the hall. You stood with your toes on the line and gave a 6 part reporting statement before crossing to the next line then you did it all over again at each line. I heard those reporting statements in my head long after I left there. I even found myself looking down at the floor for red lines when I didn't have to anymore.
- 7. Sleep depravation we laid down for 6 hours. You got up for 2 hours to walk the halls on your watch every night. So you weren't allowed to rest at night if you were in your room during the day which was rare. You stood and did not get to sit in your room, so we weren't off our feet much.

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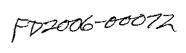
8. Given impossible tasks like digging a 4-4 trench after P.T. all day or running behind the jeep. They knew you were already physically exhausted.

These are the kinds of things you had to look forward to everyday. This was a place of sever-punishment aimed at breaking your moral. It wasn't a correctional institute. And the people running this place took great pleasure in their jobs. So you have to put their character into question. To abuse and humiliate fellow Americans, their own, for no good reason. We didn't commit a major crime they have no consciences. I couldn't make myself treat my fellow man like that even if ordered to do so.

Society has a label for people like sociopaths. And I truly believer those were the types of people in charge. Inmates on death row, the condemned aren't treated like we were and they've murdered people. All I did was drink with a minor. The punishment definitely didn't fit my crime. That place left a bad taste in my mouth. It did something to me, to my moral, my emotional state. I didn't want to be around anyone, I felt alone. I just didn't care anymore about being an airman. I couldn't respect authority that would do such heinous things to their own men. That place was overkill and at times I thought it would kill me or I'd kill me. I tried to get back to normal but I just didn't want it anymore. I wanted my civilian life again, something normal to be around people who loved me. The other two incidents I will try to explain a little. ON THE NOTIFICATION MEMORANDOM (2B) I was at my appointment but got there late due to a speeding ticket I received trying to there which got me into further trouble and did show up. (2A) After that I knew I was in trouble and didn't show up. Normally I wouldn't dare do things like that but I just didn't want to deal with it anymore. SSGT was concerned about me and my behavior and asked me to go home with him. He thought it might do me some good to spend the day with his family. I told him everything I'm telling you and that I was going to ask for separation because I was going down in rank to E-1. I told him how I felt about things and how that loss of money would hurt me financially. I also worked on the side at Circuit City to boast my pay, but had to quit when I was put on 14 days base restriction. I told him I had to get out because I couldn't stand the thought of losing my truck. I bought that truck brand new on my own. My parents co-signed my previous vehicle I proved myself with my creditors. That shows I'm a responsible person to be able to buy a \$30,000 truck on my own at the age of 19. I had many sleepless nights worrying about how I was going to make my payments on top of insurance and other monthly expenses with my income. SEE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL STATUS. \$15506 2 Had my truck been repossessed my credit would have been ruined. You can't have anything in this life with bad credit. My truck was all I had that made me feel like me. And I wasn't losing that too. So I went to the commander and begged to be left out of the military. I would like to prove my good character please read SSGT LETTER OF SUPPORT. I truly do take pride in my work. I have always had a high work ethic, I was selected out of a few to work in the central office. PLEASE READ MY RESPONSE TO OFFFER OF NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT. PARAGRAPH 3. Being a guidon bearer is a honor I was chosen for but had to give it up because I got to nervous. But somebody seen something in me I never had a 341 pulled, that

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

96TH COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON (AFMC) EGLIN AFB, FLORIDA 32542

MEMORANDUM FOR AB Q1 JUN 05
FROM: 96 CS/CC
SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum
1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Misconduct: Minor Disciplinary Infractions. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge. I am recommending that your service be characterized as an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge.
2. My reason for this action is:
a. You, did at or near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 27 May 2005, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: the First Sergeant's office, Building 249 at 0900 hours. For this offense you received nonjudicial punishment, dated 10 June 2005.
b. You, did, at or near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 23 May 2005, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: Building 253. For this offense you received vacation of nonjudicial punishment, dated 6 June 2005.
c. You, who knew of your duties at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 12 February 2005, were derelict in the performance of those duties in that you willfully failed to refrain from providing alcohol to Airman, who was under the age of twenty-one, as it was your duty to do. For this offense you received nonjudicial punishment, dated 14 March 2005.
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 or retained in the United States 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 and any special pay, bonus, or education assistance funds may be subject to recoupment.
4. You have the right to consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you.  I have made an appointment for you to consult Captain at 904 N. 2nd Street, on hours. 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 3 duty days unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. 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 an appointment with the 96th Mission Support Squadron, separations section, on 22 111 05 at 1330 hours.
8. After your briefing, you are to report to the 96th Traffic Management Office with your authorized letter from separations to schedule your TMO pickup.
9. You are required to receive a briefing from the Family Support Center prior to your separation. You have been scheduled to receive your Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) briefing on at at hours.
10. You have been scheduled for a medical examination. You must report to 96 MDG Force Health Management, 307 Boatner Rd. on 24, on 3, at 015 hours for the examination.
11. Any personal information you furnish in rebuttal is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of AFI 36-3208 is available for your use at your orderly room.
12. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.  Commander

Attachments:
Supporting Documents