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## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2006-00241

**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 and 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. The applicant did not receive an administrative discharge, thus his contention of inequity is not applicable. The applicant received a Bad Conduct discharge, a punitive discharge, as part of his sentence resulting from a Special Court-Martial conviction. Under the provisions of Section 1553, 10 USC, the only basis for a change of a Bad Conduct discharge is clemency. The applicant presented evidence which the DRB opined did not warrant granting clemency.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The Discharge Review Board concluded that the applicant's punitive discharge by Special Court-Martial is appropriate under the facts and circumstances of this case and there is insufficient basis, as an act of clemency, for change of discharge.

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 BCD Disch fr USAF Charleston AFB, SC on 20 Apr 98 UP Special Court Martial Order 3, 30 Oct 97. Appeals for Honorable Discharge, and to Change the RE Code, Reason and Authority for Discharge.

#### 2. BACKGROUND:

- a. DOB: 30 Jan 77. Enlmt Age: 18 4/12. Disch Age: 21 2/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-UNK, E-UNK, G-UNK, M-UNK. PAFSC: 2T231 Air Transportation Apprentice. DAS: Unknown.
  - b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 6 Jun 95 25 Jul 95 (1 month 20 days) (Inactive).

### 3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Enlisted as AB 26 Jul 95 for 4 years. Svd: 02 Yrs 08 Mo 25 Das, all AMS, of which AMS is 02 Yrs 07 Mos 28 Das (excludes 27 days lost time).
  - b. Grade Status: AB 26 Sep 96 (Article 15, 26 Sep 96). Amn - 26 Jan 96
  - c. Time Lost: 3 Oct 96 10 Oct 96 and 24 Oct 96 12 Nov 96 27 days time lost.
  - d. Art 15's: (1) 25 Sep 96, Charleston AFB, SC Article 86. You, did, on or about 12 Sep 96, without authority, absent yourself from your organization, to wit: 437 Aerial Port Sq, located at Charleston AFB, SC, and did remain so absent until you were apprehended on or about 14 Sep 96. Reduction to AB. Restriction to Charleston AFB for 30 days and 15 days extra duty. (No appeal) (No mitigation)
    - (2) 16 Apr 96, Charleston AFB, SC Article 86. You, having knowledge of a lawful order issued by SSgt

      ito remain at home, an order which it was your duty to obey, did, on or about 26 Mar 96, fail to obey the same by wrongfully leaving your home. Further, you having knowledge of a lawful order issued by SSgt:

      ito return to Charleston AFB immediately, an order which it was your duty to obey, did, on 29 Mar 96, fail to obey the same by not returning to work. Article 92. Further, you did, on or about 31 Mar 96, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribe to your appointment place of duty. Restriction to Charleston AFB for 30 days and 30 days extra duty. (No appeal) (No mitigation)

- e. Additional: Unknown.
- f. CM: Special Court Martial 25 Nov 96

CHARGE: Article 121.

Specification: Did, on divers occasions, at or near Charleston AFB, SC between on or about 2 Jul 96 and 12 Jul 96, steal money, of a value of over \$100, the property of Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union. Plea: NG, but G to LIO of Wrongful Appropriation. Finding: NG, but G to LIO of Wrongful Appropriation. Sentence Adjudged on 23 Oct 96. Forfeiture of \$500 pay per month for 6 months, 35 days confinement and a badconduct discharge.

- g. Record of SV: None.
- h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM, AFOUA.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (02) Yrs (09) Mos (18) Das TAMS: (02) Yrs (07) Mos (28) Das
- 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 15 Jun 06. (Change Discharge to Honorable, and to Change RE Code, Reason and Authority for Discharge.)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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- 1. Applicant's Issues.
- 2. DD Form 214.

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