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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2006-00252

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 the applicant submitted no issues contesting the equity or propriety of the discharge, and after a thorough review of the record, the Board was unable to identify any that would justify a change of discharge.

ISSUES:

Issue 1. Applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. The records indicated the applicant received two Article 15s and two Letters of Reprimand for misconduct. The misconduct included failure to go, making verbal threats to another airman, conspiracy to commit an assault and battery, and unlawfully striking another airman. 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.

Issue 2. Applicant contends that he should not be penalized indefinitely for a mistake he made when young. The DRB recognized the applicant was 20 years of age when the discharge took place. However, there is no evidence he was immature or did not know right from wrong. The Board opined the applicant was older than the vast majority of first-term members who properly adhere to the Air Force's standards of conduct. The DRB concluded that the characterization of the applicant's discharge was appropriate due to the misconduct.

Issue 3. The applicant stated he was told his discharge would automatically be upgraded in six months. The DRB noted the issue was common, the result of miscommunication. A discharge is upgraded only if the applicant and the DRB can establish an inequity or impropriety took place at the time of discharge. In this case, none was found, so the Board denied the appeal.

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 Tinker AFB, OK on 25 Mar 97 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.49 (Misconduct - Minor Disciplinary Infractions). Appeals for Honorable Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

- a. DOB: 11 Apr 76. Enlmt Age: 18 7/12. Disch Age: 20 11/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-86, E-71, G-55, M-78. PAFSC: X1A531 Aircrew Airborne Computer Systems Apprentice. DAS: 9 Feb 96.
 - b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 19 Nov 94 14 Mar 95 (3 months 26 days) (Inactive).

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

- a. Enlisted as AB 15 Mar 95 for 6 yrs. Svd: 02 Yrs 00 Mo 11 Das, all AMS.
- b. Grade Status: Amn 24 Oct 96 (Vacation of Article 15, 6 Mar 97)
 AlC 29 Apr 95
- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: (1) 06 Mar 97, Vacation, Tinker AFB, OK Article 117. You, did, on or about 1 Dec 96, wrongfully communicate to SrA! : a threat to kick his ass and cap him in the knee. Article 86. You, did, on or about 26 Feb 97, without authority, absent yourself from your place of duty at which you were to be, to wit: building 282 room 126, located at Tinker AFB, OK, and did remain so absent until on or about 28 Feb 97. Reduction to Amn. (No appeal) (No mitigation)

- e. Additional: LOR, 27 FEB 97 Failure to go.

 LOR, 27 JAN 97 Making verbal threats via telephone.
- f. CM: None.
- g. Record of SV: 15 Mar 95 15 Oct 96 Tinker AFB 2 (HAF Dir)REF
- h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM, AFOUA.
- i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (02) Yrs (04) Mos (07) Das TAMS: (02) Yrs (00) Mos (11) Das
- 4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 26 Jan 06. (Change Discharge to Honorable)

Issue 1: It has been 8 years, I was told after 6 months could be move to honorable. I have grown as a man. I am a Father & Husband now and would like to be able tell my children I was Honrably (sic) released.

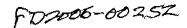
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 552d OPERATIONS GROUP (ACC) TINKER AIR FORCE BASE, OKLAHOMA



20 March 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR A1C , 965 AACS
FROM: 965 AACS/CC Tinker AFB OK 73145
SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum
1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Misconduct. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49, Minor Disciplinary Infractions. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable or general. I am recommending that your service be characterized as general.
2. My reasons for this action are:
a. On 24 Sep 96, you conspired with SrA, Amn, Arm and and into a room for the purpose of committing an offense upon Amn is specifically assault and battery. At that time, you did in fact, unlawfully strike Amn in the face and arms with your fist. As a result, you received an Article 15, dated 24 Oct 96. Punishment was reduction to the grade of airman (suspended until 23 Apr 97), forfeiture of \$228 pay, and 14 days extra duty. See Atch 1.
b. On 1 Dec 96, you made verbal threats to SrA. As a result, you received a Letter of Reprimand (LOR), dated 27 Jan 97. See Atch 2.
c. On 26 Feb 97 and 27 Feb 97, you failed to go to your place of duty, Bldg 282, Tinker AFB OK. You also did not make yourself available to be contacted about reporting for duty. As a result, you received a Letter of Reprimand, dated 27 Feb 97. See Atch 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 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.
3. You have the right to consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made arrangements for you to consult Capt: at Bldg 452, Tinker AFB OK on 24 March 1997, at 1030 hours. If it is necessary to change this appointment time, call Capt Mobly's office at 405/739-7713. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

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- 4. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by 25 March 1997, unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to the separation authority.
- 5. 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.
- 6. You were scheduled for a medical examination on 19 Mar 97, and you should have reported to the Tinker AFB Hospital, Physical Exam Section, on that date for the examination.
- 7. 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 in the orderly room.
- 8. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.

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Squadron Section Commander, 965	AACS

Attachments:

- 1. Art 15, dtd 24 Oct 96
- 2. LOR, dtd 27 Jan 97
- 3. LOR, dtd 27 Feb 97
- 4 Acknowledgment Ltr