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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2006-00464

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable.

The applicant requested a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board (DRB) and was scheduled for an appearance on 11 June 2007, via video-teleconference between Robins AFB, GA and Andrews AFB, MD, but he did not keep the appointment or call to reschedule. Therefore, his request was reviewed based upon the record and his submission.

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. Although not explicitly stated, applicant contends that he should not be penalized indefinitely for a mistake he made when young. The records indicated the applicant had a Special Court Martial for wrongfully using Ecstasy, a Schedule I controlled substance. He was punished with confinement for five months, forfeiture of pay for five months, and reduction to Airman Basic. The Board concluded the applicant's 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 was doing well and has a good job. However, no inequity or impropriety in his discharge was suggested or found in the course of the hearing. The Board concluded the misconduct of the applicant appropriately characterized his 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 AB) (HGH SRA)

1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF Barksdale AFB, LA on 27 Jun 02 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.54 (Misconduct - Drug Abuse). Appeals for Honorable Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. DOB: 31 Dec 76. Enlmt Age: 20 8/12. Disch Age: 25 5/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-27, E-49, G-53, M-67. PAFSC: 2F051 - Fuels Journeyman. DAS: 10 Jul 98.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 25 Sep 97 - 28 Dec 97 (3 months 4 days) (Inactive).

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

a. Enlisted as AB 29 Dec 97 for 4 years. Svd: 04 Yrs 05 Mo 29 Das, of which AMS is 04 Yrs 03 Mo 17 Das (excludes 2 Months 12 Days lost time).

b. Grade Status: AB - 07 Jun 02 (SPCM 9 Apr 02) SrA - 29 Jun 00 A1C - 29 Apr 99 Amn - 29 Jun 98

c. Time Lost: 13 Mar 02 - 24 May 02 (72 days)

d. Art 15's: None.

e. Additional: NONE.

f. CM: Special Court Martial - 9 Apr 2002.

CHARGE: Article 112a.

h. Awards & Decs: AFAM W/1 OLC, AFOUA W/1 OLC, AFGCM, NDSM, AFEM, AFLSA, AFTR.

i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (04) Yrs (06) Mos (21) Das TAMS: (04) Yrs (03) Mos (17) Das

4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 22 Nov 06. (Change Discharge to Honorable.)

Issue 1: ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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1. Applicant's Issues.

- 2. Letter of recommendation.
- 3. DD Form 214.

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Attachment:

- 1. Acknowledgment/Receipt of Notification of Memorandum
- 2. Supporting Document (Tab A)