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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable and to change the reason and authority for the discharge.

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 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:

Although not explicitly stated, applicant contends her discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. Applicant stated she was a victim of domestic violence and did not receive the needed support from her leadership. The records indicated the applicant received two Article 15s and a Record of Individual Counseling for misconduct. The applicant received her first Article 15 for disobeying a lawful order to clean up and report to the barracks to get ready for a Base Honor Guard detail. She was punished with a suspended reduction in grade and 30 days of extra duty. Her second Article 15 was for making a false statement during a pre-trial confinement hearing. She was reduced in grade to Airman and had to perform 14 days of extra duty. She was also administratively disciplined for failure to go. The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change her negative behavior. 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.

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 AMN) (HGH A1C)

1. MATTER UNDER REVIEW: Appl rec'd a GEN Disch fr USAF Little Rock AFB, AR on 1 Apr 97 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.50.2 (Pattern of Misconduct - Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline). Appeals for Honorable Discharge and to Change Reason for Discharge.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. DOB: 18 Nov 75. Enlmt Age: 18 6/12. Disch Age: 21 4/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-76, E-62, G-72, M-42. PAFSC: 2R131 - Maintenance Scheduling Apprentice. DAS: 15 Mar 95.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 1 Jun 94 - 21 Nov 94 (5 months 21 days) (Inactive).

3. SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:

a. Enlisted as AB 22 Nov 94 for 4 years. Svd: 02 Yrs 04 Mo 10 Das, all AMS.

b. Grade Status: Amn - 18 Mar 97 (Article 15, 18 Mar 97) A1C - 22 Jan 97 Amn - 24 May 96 (Article 15, 24 May 96) A1C - 22 Mar 96 Amn - 22 May 95

- c. Time Lost: None.
- d. Art 15's: (1) 18 Mar 97, Little Rock AFB, AR Article 134. You did, on or about 21 Dec 96, in a pre-trial confinement hearing, wrongfully and unlawfully make under lawful oath a false statement in substance as follows: that you did not spend any time with SrA _______ between on or about 6 Dec 96 and on or about 19 Dec 96, which statement you did not then believe to be true. Reduction to Amn and 14 days extra duty. (No appeal) (No mitigation)
 - (2) 24 May 96, Little Rock AFB, AR Article 91. You having received a lawful order from MSgt _______; a NCO, then known by you to be a NCO, to clean up and report to the barracks to get ready for a Base Honor Guard detail, an order which it was your duty to obey, did, on or about 17 May 96, willfully disobey the same. Reduction to AB and 30 days extra duty. Appeal approved in part. Reduction from Amn to AB suspended effective 13 Sep 96. (No mitigation)

e. Additional: RIC, 23 MAY 96 - Failure to go.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: 22 Nov 94 - 21 Jul 96 Little Rock AFB 3 (Initial)

h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM, AFOUA.

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4. BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW: Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 19 Dec 06. (Change Discharge to Honorable and Reason for Discharge.)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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1. Applicant's Issues.

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13. CONTINUATION OF ITEM 6, ISSUES (*It applicable*) several occasions-both on and off base. The offender lied and stated that I was still coming to see him and he had a friend in the military who corroborated the lie. The military conducted a line-up of individuals that were supposed to look like me, when in fact only one looked anything close to me and the offenders witness knew the both of us-so the line-up was useless anyway. I chose not to fight the separation in 1997 because I was ready to leave the service because I felt I was being made to blame for bringing to light the huge problem of domestic violence on the military installations. There was no misconduct on my part and I feel that this never should have been placed on my record. The only thing that I did wrong was get involved with an individual who thought beating women should be accepted. I now realize that allowing the military to place the "misconduct" on my record makes it appear that I did something wrong when in fact I was the victim. I feel that I did things to try to prevent him from contacting me, I spoke with Family Advocacy, I moved back on base to the dormitory, his Unit Commander as well as my Unit Commander were informed of the situation-yet nothing was done to protect me-even after losing my child. I know now that the military takes the issue more seriously, but while I was serving the issue was not spoken of publicly and there was not much assistance to the victims even if they were Active Duty personnel.

14. CONTINUATION OF ITEM 8, SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS (If applicable)

15. REMARKS (If applicable)

While still in the service, I wrote the poem below about the issue of Domestic Violence, not just in the military but in the world, and it was published in a newspaper in Little Rock, AR. This upset my commander even though the poem had no mention of the Air Force or their lack of assistance for victims of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence is a problem that happens every single day

It can happen to anyone, not just a certain religion or a certain race

Lots of women are in this situation and don't quite know what to do

Hiding their shame from their loved ones-hiding bruises black and blue

Many people blame the women for not leaving these abusive men

Comments like these are easy to make when you're on the outside looking in

When are you going to do something about it?

When it's your daughter or sister who's hurt-

What is it that these women have nowhere to turn, except to a legal system that doesn't work?

When are people going to start helping instead of not wanting to pry?

Why is it that the only way justice is served is when the woman dies?

We can't just keep passing by and turning our heads in silence-

When women and children die everyday due to Domestic Violence

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO APPROPRIATE ADDRESS BELOW.

ARMY

Army Review Boards Agency Support Division, St. Louis 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5200 (See http://arba.army.pentagon.mil)

AIR FORCE

Air Force Review Boards Agency SAF/MRBR 550-C Street West, Suite 40 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4742

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Naval Council of Personnel Boards 720 Kennon Street, S.E. Room 309 (NDRB) Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5023

COAST GUARD

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant (CG-122) 2100 Second Street, S.W. Room 5500 Washington, DC 20593

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 314TH AIRLIFT WING (ACC) LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS

20 MAR 1997

MEMORANDUM FOR 314th LOGISTICS SUPPORT SQUADRON

FROM: 314 LSS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for A Pattern of Misconduct, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable or under honorable conditions (general). I am recommending that your service be characterized as under honorable conditions (general).

2. My reasons for this action are:

a. On or about 21 Decemer 1996, you wrongfully and unlawfully made a false statement under lawful oath, that you did not spend any time with SrA_______ on or about 6 December 1996, which statement was not true. You received an Article 15 for your actions. (Atch 1-1)

b. On or about 22 May 1996, you failed to go to your appointed place of duty at the time prescribed. You received a Letter of Counseling for your actions. (Atch 1-2)

c. On or about 17 May 1996, you disobeyed a lawful order to clean up and report to the barracks for an Honor Guard detail. You received an Article 15 for your actions. (Atch 1-3)

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 Air Force and if 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 consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made an appointment for you to consult Captain, Area Defense Counsel, at Whiteman AFB, MO by telephone at Bldg. 1255, Rm 201, Telephone 3260 on 20 March 1997 at 1600 hours. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

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5. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by 3 workdays 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 a medical examination. You must report to Little Rock AFB Hospital at 0730 hours on 24 March 1997 for the examination.

8. 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.

9. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.

Commander

Attachments: 1-1 Art 15, 19 Mar 97 1-2 LOC, 23 May 96 1-3 Art 15, 13 Jun 96