

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

NAME OF SERVICE MEMBER (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL)				GRADE AMN		AFSN/SSAN			
TYPE GEN	X	PERSONAL APPEARANCE			RECORD REVIEW				
COUNSEL		NAME OF COUNSEL AND OR ORGANIZATION				ADDRESS AND OR ORGANIZATION OF COUNSEL			
YES	No								
	X								
MEMBER SITTING					VOTE OF THE BOARD				
					HON	GEN	UOTHC	OTHER	DENY
									X
									X
									X
									X
									X
ISSUES		INDEX NUMBER			EXHIBITS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD				
A92.01 A94.05		A67.10			1 ORDER APPOINTING THE BOARD				
					2 APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE				
					3 LETTER OF NOTIFICATION				
					4 BRIEF OF PERSONNEL FILE				
					COUNSEL'S RELEASE TO THE BOARD				
					ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS SUBMITTED AT TIME OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE				
					TAPE RECORDING OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE HEARING				
HEARING DATE		CASE NUMBER							
18 Jun 2009		FD-2006-00403							
APPLICANT'S ISSUE AND THE BOARD'S DECISIONAL RATIONALE ARE DISCUSSED ON THE ATTACHED AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE.									
<p>Case heard in Washington, D.C.</p> <p>Advise applicant of the decision of the Board, the right to a personal appearance with/without counsel, and the right to submit an application to the AFBCMR.</p> <p>Names and votes will be made available to the applicant at the applicant's request.</p> <p>X=Change Reason and Authority and Reenlistment Code</p>									
INDORSEMENT					DATE: 8/11/2009				
TO: SAF/MRBR 550 C STREET WEST, SUITE 40 RANDOLPH AFB, TX 78150-4742					FROM: SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD 1535 COMMAND DR, EE WING, 3RD FLOOR ANDREWS AFB, MD 20762-7001				

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

CASE NUMBER

FD-2006-00403

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:

Issue 1. Applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. She has expressed a desire to have her discharge upgraded so that she may be eligible to reenlist into the armed forces. The records indicated the applicant received an Article 15, three Letters of Reprimand, two Letters of Counseling, and two Records of Individual Counseling for misconduct. Her misconduct included wrongfully possessing with intent to deceive an instrument purporting to be an AF Form 73, Visitor/Vehicle Pass, failure to obey a lawful order, failure to go (2x), traffic ticket, being late for work and arriving out of uniform, dereliction of duty, and disrespect towards an NCO and members of the unit (2x). The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change her negative behavior. The Board concluded that the negative aspects of the applicant's service outweighed the positive contributions she made in her Air Force career. The characterization of the discharge received by the applicant was found to be appropriate.

Issue 2. Applicant states that her discharge did not take into account the good things she did while in the service. The DRB took note of the applicant's duty performance as documented by her performance reports, letters of recommendation and other accomplishments. They found the seriousness of the willful misconduct offset any positive aspects of the applicant's duty performance. The Board concluded the discharge was appropriate for the reasons which were the basis for this case.

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