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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2008-00217

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 following additional exhibits were submitted at the hearing:

Exhibit #1: Applicant's Contentions

Exhibit #2: Letter from Exhibit #3: Letter from S

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:

Applicant contends the discharge was inequitable because the infractions were minor isolated incidents and the misconduct was only brought into question during the last five months of his service. The applicant was discharged for a pattern of misconduct, conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline, with a general, under honorable conditions discharge. The records indicated the applicant received two Article 15s and a Letter of Reprimand (LOR) during a five month period. The applicant received an LOR for an off-base DUI, which resulted in a civilian conviction. He then received an Article 15 for violating a lawful order issued by prevocation of driving privileges, by wrongfully driving on Minot AFB. He received his second Article 15 a month later for making a false official statement to a Master Sergeant and for failing to go to a scheduled appointment. The applicant was sent to in-patient treatment for alcohol dependence after his DUI. He did not respond to his subsequent administrative discharge. The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior and although the misconduct spanned a five-month period, the Board concluded that the negative aspects of the applicant's service outweighed the positive contributions he made in his Air Force career. 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