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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

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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 and requests that the review be completed based on the available service record. The attached brief contains available pertinent data on the applicant and the factors leading to the discharge.

FINDINGS: Upgrade of discharge is granted.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record nor that provided by applicant substantiates an impropriety that would justify a change of discharge. However, based upon the record and evidence provided by applicant, the Board finds the discharge characterization discharge characterization was too harsh with regard to the misconduct.

The record indicates the applicant received:

- 1. One (1) Article 15 for failure to go at time prescribed to his appointed place of duty and making a false official statement.
- 2. Three (3) Letters of Reprimand for failure to pay \$181.00 debt overdue 60 days, failure to go to appointed place of duty at specific time and emailing sexually disparaging comments to another Airman.

ISSUES:

Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of his/her discharge. The applicant submits a desire to take advantage of GI bill to assist with educational expenses and notes his current education, good conduct, community service and desire to further education. The Board reviewed the entire record and determined the characterization of the discharge too harsh in light of the offenses committed and the accompanying record. The Board grants upgrade of the discharge characterization to Honorable.

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.

However, in view of the foregoing findings, the Board concludes that the overall quality of applicant's service is more accurately reflected by an Honorable discharge under the provisions of Title 10, USC 1553.

Attachment: Examiner's Brief