

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

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TYPE GEN	PERSONAL APPEARANCE			X	RECORD REVIEW			
COUNSEL		NAME OF COUNSEL AND OR ORGANIZATION			ADDRESS AND OR ORGANIZATION OF COUNSEL			
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ISSUES A94.05		INDEX NUMBER A67.30		EXHIBITS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD				
				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 01 Dec 2009		CASE NUMBER FD-2008-00472						
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>								
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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

CASE NUMBER

FD-2008-00472

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.

FINDING: The Board denies the upgrade of the discharge.

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 his discharge was inequitable because he only made one mistake and his discharge was too harsh. The records indicated the applicant had a Special Court Martial for being absent without leave for 37 days and possession of marijuana. He was punished with confinement for six months, forfeiture of pay for 6 months, and reduction in grade to Airman Basic. 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.

CONCLUSION: 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 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 and determines the discharge should remain unchanged.

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief