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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2008-00505

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable.

The applicant appeared and testified before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), without counsel, at Andrews AFB on November 12, 2009.

The attached brief contains available pertinent data on the applicant and the factors leading to the discharge.

FINDING: The Board grants the requested relief.

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 applicant's reason and authority for discharge inequitable.

After thorough consideration of the information provided by the applicant, the records of the case, and additional information put forward during deliberations, the DRB concluded his discharge was inequitable and there was sufficient mitigation to substantiate upgrading the discharge to honorable. While the Board did not condone the applicant's incidents of misconduct, they did feel his discharge was too harsh and it would have been more equitable to characterized his service as honorable.

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.

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.

Attachment: Examiner's Brief