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## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2008-00523

**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 appeared and testified before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), without counsel, at Andrews AFB on 2 March 2010.

The following additional exhibits were submitted at the hearing:

Exhibit 5: Applicant's Contentions

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, change of reason and authority for discharge, and change of reenlistment code.

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 and her discharge was based on an isolated incident after 23 months of service. The records indicated the applicant received an Article 15, a Letter of Reprimand, and two Letters of Counseling for misconduct. The applicants misconduct consisted of failure to report (twice), using a government e-mail account by sending e-mails with inappropriate language, wrongfully distributing a Schedule II controlled substance, Oxycodone. She was punished with a reduction in grade and a reprimand. 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. The DRB was pleased to see that the applicant was doing well and has a good job. However, no inequity or impropriety in his discharge was suggested or found in the course of the hearing. The Board concluded the misconduct of the applicant appropriately characterized his term of service.

**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