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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

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GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to general and to change the reenlistment code.

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: The Board denies the upgrade of the discharge and change of reenlistment code 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: The applicant contends his discharge was inequitable because he was young and immature at the time of his discharge.

The essence of the applicant's appeal is that he should not be penalized indefinitely for a mistake he made when he was young. The records indicated the applicant failed to attend unit training assemblies on the following dates: 18-19 November 1995, 4-5 December 1995, and 20-21 January 1996. The DRB recognized the applicant was 22 years of age when the discharge took place. However, there is no evidence he did not know right from wrong. Additionally, after reviewing the records the DRB had, the DRB did not find a valid reason for the applicant failing to report for duty. The Board opined the applicant was older than the vast majority of first-term members who properly adhere to the Air Force's standards of conduct. The DRB concluded that the characterization of the applicant's discharge and the reenlistment code were appropriate due to the misconduct.

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 the applicant 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