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## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2009-00022

**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 the applicant submitted no issues contesting the equity or propriety of the discharge, and after a thorough review of the record, the Board was unable to identify any that would justify a change of discharge.

**ISSUE**: The applicant submitted no issues of inequity or impropriety. The record indicates the applicant received one Article 15, one vacation action (of Article 15), three Letters of Reprimand, three Letters of Counseling, and one Letter of Admonishment. The applicant cited his desire to receive the G.I. Bill benefits as justification for upgrade. The DRB noted that when the applicant applied for these benefits, he signed a statement (DD Form 2366, on September 14, 2005) that he understood he must receive an Honorable discharge to receive future educational entitlements. Based on a thorough review of applicant's medical and personnel records, the Board did not find a matter of inequity or impropriety which would warrant an upgrade. The Board concluded the misconduct was a significant departure from conduct expected of all military members. 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