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## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2009-00121

**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 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**: Upgrade of the discharge, change of reason and authority for discharge and change of reenlistment code are 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:

1. The applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. Due to the missing discharge package to explain the exact circumstances of the discharge, the Board was left to conclude that the misconduct was a significant departure from conduct expected from an NCO. The record indicates the applicant was discharged for Misconduct—Failure to meet Financial obligations. The applicant improperly used his government credit card and then failed to pay his delinquent government credit balance to Bank of America. Again, based on the paucity of the information, the characterization of the discharge received by the applicant was found to be appropriate.

The Board highly recommends that if the applicant can provide additional documented information to substantiate his issue, he should consider exercising his right to make a personal appearance before the Board. If the applicant chooses to exercise his right, he should be prepared to provide the DRB with factual evidence of the inequity/impropriety and any exemplary post-service accomplishments as well as any contributions to the community.

**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