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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: The Board denies the upgrade of the discharge, change of reason and authority for discharge, and change of reenlistment code. 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: Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of his discharge. The applicant does submit that he believes his discharge should be upgraded because he has been reinstated in the Texas Army National Guard. The record indicates the applicant received two Article 15s for underage drinking. His punishment for the first incident included 30 days of correctional custody and a reduction in grade from Senior Airman to Airman First Class. The day after he was released from correctional custody, he engaged in his second incident of underage drinking. The Board opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his behavior. It found the applicant's willingness to reengage in such willful misconduct so soon after receiving a strong deterrent offset any positive aspects of the applicant's duty performance. The Board reviewed the entire record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant an upgrade of the discharge.

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