

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

CASE NUMBER

FD-2010-00301

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 the 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 received a General discharge for Unsatisfactory Participation.

Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of his discharge. The applicant does submit that he believes he deserves a second chance despite his discrepancies to re-enlist and serve his country. The record indicates the applicant served three satisfactory years of service while in the Air National Guard. The applicant submits he made an immature decision to not show up for his drill weekends after he was released from active duty. Because there was no evidence or supporting documentation in the record to explain the discharge, the Board relies on the presumption of regularity and finds the characterization; reason for discharge and the reenlistment code were appropriate.

Applicant takes full responsibility for his actions and asks the DRB for forgiveness. He cites immaturity, recklessness and youth as the cause of his non-participation. The Board commends the applicant for taking responsibility for his actions. However, a discharge is upgraded only if the applicant and the Board can establish that an inequity or impropriety took place at the time of discharge. After a thorough review of the record, and the information submitted by the applicant, the Board found no evidence to justify an upgrade of the discharge characterization, reason for the discharge or the reenlistment code.

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, change of narrative reason for discharge or reenlistment code, and determines the discharge should remain unchanged.

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief