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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

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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.

ISSUE: Applicant received a General discharge for Misconduct – Drug Abuse

Applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. He states his discharge did not take into account the good things he did while in the service. He believes he was punished twice for the same crime, because he was unaware he could be administratively discharge after serving his special court martial sentence. The records indicate the applicant was tried, pled guilty and was convicted under a special court martial for use of ecstasy and wrongful use of Coricidin HBP Cough and Cold Medicine. However, upon review of the record, the Board was unable to find any documentation regarding the discharge. Due to lack of evidence and supporting documentation to explain the discharge, the Board concludes that the misconduct was a significant departure from the conduct expected of all military members. The Board relies on the presumption of regularity and finds the characterization; reason for discharge and the reenlistment code were 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