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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, 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 request for the upgrade of the discharge, to change the reason and authority for discharge, and to change the reenlistment code are denied.

ISSUE: Applicant received a General discharge for Misconduct – Minor Disciplinary Infractions

Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of his discharge. The applicant does submit that he was immature at the time of discharge and that he believes he deserves a second chance despite his discrepancies so that he may serve his country in the Unites States Army. The record indicates the applicant received two Article 15s, one Vacation, one Letter of Reprimand, one a Letter of Admonishment and two Records of Individual Counseling. His misconduct included failure to go to duty on time (2x), did not maintain sufficient funds to cover a check (4x), underage drinking, and twice failed to perform duty requirements. The DRB recognized the applicant was 20 years of age when the discharge took place. However, there is no evidence he was immature or did not know right from wrong. The Board opined the applicant was the same age as the vast majority of first-term members who properly adhere to the Air Force's standards of conduct. The DRB concluded that the characterization of the applicant's discharge was appropriate due to the misconduct.

The DRB was pleased to see that the applicant was doing well and has a good job. However, no inequity or impropriety in his discharge was suggested or found in the course of the hearing. The Board concluded the misconduct of the applicant appropriately characterized his term of service.

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