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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2010-00426

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- Minor Disciplinary Infractions

Applicant contends discharge was improper and states he was not discharged for misconduct. Additionally, he states he went through his chain of command to request an early discharge based on issues between him and his supervisor. He states an honorable discharge was approved by his commander. The records indicated the applicant received an Article 15, one Vacation, two Letters of Reprimand, and six Letters of Counseling. His misconduct included failure to obey an order, failure to follow an instruction (2x), failure to pay just debt (2x), failure to maintain dorm standards, driving with an expired license, expired registration and no proof of insurance (2x), failed to adhere to dress and appearance standards, failed to go to duty on time, and failed to perform duty correctly. After a thorough review of the records, the Board concluded the applicant's contention has no merit. In fact, on August 27, 1997, the applicant acknowledged receipt that he was being recommended for a General discharge for the misconduct listed above. The Board opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior. The Board concluded that the negative aspects of the applicant's service outweighed the positive contributions he made in his Air Force career. The characterization of the discharge received by the applicant was found to be 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