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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2009-00024

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 – Civilian Conviction

Applicant contends discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. She states the statements she made to the Japanese interpreters were translated inaccurately and falsely led to her conviction. The records indicated the applicant was found guilty of use of a stimulant at or near Camp Foster Okinawa, Japan and cultivation of marijuana in her residence on Camp Foster, Okinawa, Japan. The applicant was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment with hard labor, suspended for three years. Additionally, the applicant met an administrative discharge board at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa Japan on January 29, 2002. The administrative discharge board considered the allegations and found the allegations were supported by the evidence. The DRB found the seriousness of the willful misconduct 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