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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 and to change the reason.

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 and change of reason and authority for discharge.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record nor that provided by the applicant substantiates an inequity or impropriety that would justify a change of discharge.

## **ISSUES**:

- Issue 1. Applicant contends his discharge was improper due to violation of his Fourth Amendment Rights whereas The Office of Special Investigations (OSI) performed an illegal search and seizure; investigation documents were falsified; failure to stop questioning after repeated attempts requested by applicant; failure to adhere to applicant's request to speak with his commander; his Area Defense Counsel was inadequate; failure to clarify OSI's processes and procedures; .
- Issue 2: Applicant contends his discharge was improper due to failure to submit proper documents to the Secretary of the Air Force; prejudicial information was provided to the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC); failure to provide copies of Disposition Report to applicant, failure to correct administrative errors within the Report of Investigation (ROI); use of illegal evidence; and failure to complete his case in an understandable format.
- Issue 3: Applicant contends his discharge was improper due to inadequate Area Defense Counsel
- Issue 4: Applicant states that his discharge did not take into account the good things he did while in the service. The DRB took note of the applicant's duty performance as documented by his performance reports, letters of recommendation and other accomplishments. They found the seriousness of the willful misconduct offset any positive aspects of the applicant's duty performance. The Board concluded the discharge was appropriate for the reasons which were the basis for this case.
- Issue 5: The DRB was pleased to see the applicant was doing well. 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.
- Issue 6: Although not explicitly stated, applicant contends his discharge was inequitable because it was too harsh. The records indicated the applicant received an Article 15 for using marijuana. The DRB 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.

<b>CONCLUSION:</b> 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.							
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## ISSUES: Why an upgrade or change is requested and justification for the request: (DD Forms 293)

- 12. My discharge was improper because the 435 ABW/JA Office misinformed the discharge Chain of Command with an incomplete Report of Investigation Report.
- 13. My discharge was improper because the Memorandums and ROI did not state how the torn statement was confiscated.
- 14. My discharge was improper because written Air Force Instruction of the 36-3206 had erroneous paragraph instructions written in a Memorandum identifying my case for homosexual behaviors.
- 15. My discharge was improper because there was a failure to determine if discharge proceedings was the right course of action based upon one single allegation.
- 16. My discharge was improper because of failure to complete me case in an understandable format.
- 17. My discharge was improper because of failure to characterize me against my entire Service as an Enlisted Non-Commissioned and Commissioned Officer.
- 18. My discharge was improper and inequitable because of a FALSIFIED Report of Investigation.



# In Support (Continue) of this application, the following attached documents are submitted as evidence:

- 9. Show Cause Retention Package
- 10. Memorandum For 3 AF/CC, 18 Dec 06, No# 4 (Law and Policy), Line 3-5
- 11. Paragraph 3.3.3.2
- 12. Memorandum From HQ AFPC/DPPRS nes 11-13 (28 Mar 07)
- 13. Memorandum For Secretary of Air Force/MRPB, Page 2, paragraph 3, Lines 21-23 (16 Aug 07)
- 14. Officer Performance Report, 23 Jan 07 to 19 Sep 07
- 15. Email, 04 Jan 09
- 16. Email, 12 Jan 09
- 17. Case File Documentation 1-1 (Interview Note), Subject, Page 2
- 18/19. B hank you Letter/ Department of VA Picture ID
- 20. Falsified Information, RDI, Section 2-3, Lines 1-8
- 21. Master Military Personnel Record



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS THIRD AIR FORCE (USAFE)

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# MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM: 3 AF/CC

SUBJECT: Notification of Show Cause Action Initiated Under AFI 36-3206, Chapter 3, Paragraph 3.6.3

- 1. I am initiating action against you under AFI 36-3206, chapter 3, paragraph 3.6.3, that requires you to show cause for retention on active duty.
- 2. I am taking this action because you used marijuana between on or about 7 February 2006 and on or about 8 March 2006. The least favorable characterization of discharge that the Secretary of the Air Force may approve in this case is under other than honorable conditions (UOTHC). Attached is a copy of the documentary evidence supporting this action.
- 3. Sign and date the attached indorsement acknowledging receipt of this notification memorandum. A copy of the notification memorandum will be provided to you. If you decline to acknowledge receiving this notification memorandum, the officer presenting it to you will indicate the date and time that you declined to acknowledge receiving it and it will be included as a part of your case file.
- 4. Familiarize yourself with AFI 36-3206, particularly the rights that you have. If you do not apply for retirement or request a resignation in lieu of further administrative action, a board (BOD will convene as provided in Chapter 6 or Chapter 7.

Building 539, Ramstein AB, to discuss the procedures involved and your rights and options. If you decline counsel, contact

Building 2106, for counseling about your rights and options.

- 5. If you elect to present matters to a BOI, the standard of proof used by the board to make findings is a preponderance of evidence. You may present evidence and argument to rebut the reason set forth in this notification memorandum or any additional reason or information developed during the BOI proceedings. You also may present other pertinent evidence.
- 6. Within 10 calendar days after you receive this notification memorandum, you must respond by indorsement to me. If I do not receive the indorsement within the allotted time I will proceed with further action under AFI 36-3206. Include in your indorsement:
- a. Any statement you wish to submit on your own behalf and/or any additional evidence that you wish me to consider. If you are unable to submit your statements or documentary evidence within 10 calendar days after receiving this notification memorandum, you may request more time as allowed under AFI 36-3206. Submit your request for additional time to me. If you do

not submit statements or evidence, your failure will constitute a waiver of your right to do so and I will refer your case to the BOL.

ther ADC counseled you and that you fully understand your rights and options in this action. If you declined counsel, so state and indicate that counseled you and that you fully understand your rights and options in this action.

- c. A statement that you understand the following regarding recoupment of education assistance, special pay, or bonuses received if you haven't completed the period of active duty you agreed to serve:
- (1) Recoupment of a portion of education assistance, special pay, or bonus monies received if you voluntarily separate.
- (2) Recoupment of a portion of education assistance received if involuntary discharge is for misconduct.
- (3) Recoupment of a portion of special pay or bonus monies received regardless of the basis for involuntary discharge.
- (4) The recoupment in all cases is an amount that bears the same ratio to the total amount or cost provided to you as the unserved portion of active duty bears to the total period of active duty that you agreed to serve.
- d. A statement notifying me whether you intend to apply for retirement or tender your resignation. If you have applied for retirement or tendered your resignation, attach a copy of the retirement application or the resignation.
- e. A statement that the area defense counsel or the chief, Military Personnel Flight, explained separation pay to you and that you understand the eligibility criteria to receive separation pay.
  - f. Any other pertinent information.
- 7. In response to this notification memorandum, you may, within 10 calendar days: tender your resignation under AFI 36-3207, chapter 2, section B, with the understanding that, if the Secretary of the Air Force accepts your resignation, you may receive an under other than honorable conditions (UOTHC) discharge unless the Secretary of the Air Force determines that you should receive a discharge under honorable conditions (general) or an honorable discharge. If the Secretary of the Air Force accepts your resignation, your discharge date will be as soon as possible but no later than 20 calendar days after the date that the MPF receives separation instructions.
- 8. No action is required under AFI 31-501, Personnel Security Management Program.

9. You may request excess leave if the Air Force doesn't require your further participation in processing your case.



# Attachments:

- 1. AF Form 3070
- 2. OSI Report of Investigation3. AFI 36-3206
- 4. AFI 36-3207

# MEMORANDUM FOR SCA

I acknowledge receiving the Notification of Show Cause Action memorandum from 3 AF/CC dated 19 December 2006 with 4 attachments at 1530 on 2007.



# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS THIRD AIR FORCE (USAFE)

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MEMORANDUM FOR 3 AF/CC

FROM: 3 AF/JA

SUBJECT: Legal Review, Conditional Board Waiver -

435 SVS, Ramstein AB, Germany

1. On 19 Dec 06, you, as the Show-Cause Authority (SCA) initiated a discharge proceeding against the state of the provisions of AFI 36-3206, Chapter 3, paragraph 3.6.3. The same day a second the conditional waiver of the Notification to Show Cause. On 16 Jan 07, nitted a conditional waiver of board hearing IAW AFI 36-3207, Separating Commissioned Officers, Paragraph 2.30. In the same of the Secretary of the Air Force approving no less than an under honorable conditions (general) characterization of discharge.

# 2. BACKGROUND.

- a. In one probationary, regular officer. His total active federal military service date is 31 Jul 91. His total active commissioned service date is 2 Mar 01. He does not have an active-duty service commitment resulting from government educational assistance. assigned as the Combat Support Operations Officer, 435th Services Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.
- b. On 28 Mar 06, the 435<sup>th</sup> Medical Group Demand Reduction Program Manager notified AFOSI that ad tested positive for Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), or marijuana, at a level of 214 nanograms per milliliter (ng/mL) during a random urinalysis conducted on 8 Mar 06. The DoD cutoff is 15 ng/mL. AFOSI advised for this rights and left him alone to write a statement. Wrote a statement, then tore it up and wrote another statement denying knowledge of how the drug might have gotten into his system. AFOSI retrieved the torn up statement and sent it to the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) for reconstruction. USACIL was able to reconstruct the statement with only a few words illegible. In the reconstructed statement is a statement with only a few words of using marijuana while on leave in Atlanta from 21 Feb 1 Mar 06. Constructed punishment under Article 15, UCMJ, for a violation of Article 112a, wrongful use of a controlled substance.
- c. On 16 Jan 07, submitted his conditional waiver statement. In this statement he states he is willing to waive his right to a board hearing in return for no less than an under honorable conditions (general) discharge. The submitted a statement and several attachments for your review. In his packation requests to be retained on active duty or if he is not to be retained, he requests to be discharged with an honorable service characterization.

# 3. ANALYSIS.

a. Pursuant to AFI 36-3206, Administrative Discharge Procedures for Commissioned Officers, paragraph 3.6.3 provides that officers may be discharged for illegal drug use. In drug or alcohol abuse cases, the SCA may consider all relevant and admissible evidence on the issue of retention or discharge. If you recommend acceptance of the conditional waiver, the discharge characterization may be honorable or under honorable conditions (general). According to AFI 36-3207, paragraph 1.7.2, the SAF may direct an under honorable conditions (general) discharge if the military record is not sufficiently meritorious to warrant an honorable discharge but doesn't warrant a discharge under other than honorable conditions.

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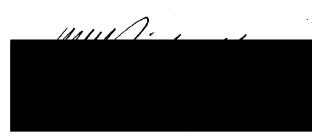
conditional waiver and discharge with an under honorable conditions (general) characterization.

135 ABW/CC, concurs with the recommendation

tested positive for marijuana at more than 14 times the DoD cutoff, wrote a statement admitting to drug use, tore that statement up, then wrote another statement swearing he had no knowledge as to how the drug could have gotten into his system, shows a lack of integrity that does not merit an honorable discharge characterization. There is sufficient evidence to support the allegation that the ed illegal drugs and that he should be discharged with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge.

- 4. OPTIONS. Under AFI 36-3207, paragraph 2.31., you have two options:
- a. Reject the conditional waiver and tell has been at either he submit an unconditional waiver or a board hearing will be scheduled;
  - b. Recommend acceptance of the conditional waiver and forward to USAFE/CC.
- 5 RECOMMENDATION. Forward the case to HQ AFPC/DPPRS with a recommendation that ted with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge characterization.

  If you agree, sign the proposed memorandum at Attachment 1.



### Attachments:

- 1. Proposed Action Memorandum
- 2. Conditional Waiver Request, dated: 16 Jan 07, 2 pgs
- 3. 435 SVS/CC Conditional Waiver Recommendation Memorandum, dated: 30 Jan 07
- 4. Capt Sims Response Package
- 5. Discharge Package