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### AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2009-00157

**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 and Conditions that Interfere with Military Service: Mental Disorders Personality Disorders

The Applicant received one Letter of Reprimand, an Article 15, and a Vacation of suspended punishment. His misconduct included failure to go to place of duty (3x) and overindulged in liquor and could not perform duties. The Applicant was also diagnosed as having a personality disorder as well as a depressive disorder so severe that his ability to function effectively in the military environment was significantly impaired. He also had a three day period of inpatient care for a suicidal ideation and showed signs of alcohol dependence. These mental health issues did not require long term treatment with an antidepressant or rise to the level of a medical evaluation board however. The Applicant brings the depression, alcohol addiction, and suicidal feelings into contention now. Although the Board recognizes Applicant's mental health diagnosis may have contributed to his poor performance, judgment, and inability to follow rules and regulations, the Board noted that he knew right from wrong, was still responsible for his actions of misconduct, and should be held accountable for those. The Board was pleased to see that the applicant was doing well and has graduated from college. However after a review of his entire record, no inequity or impropriety in his discharge was noted. 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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 90TH SPACE WING (AFSPC)

16 Jun 08

MEMORANDUM FOR AMN

FROM: 90 CES/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Misconduct: A Pattern of Misconduct, Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2. I am recommending that your discharge be characterized as an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge.

### 2. My reasons for this action are:

- a. You were, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 16 Nov 07, derelict in the performance to your duties, to wit: you sent an unofficial e-mail via the base network. For this misconduct you received a Letter of Counseling (LOC), dated 19 Nov 07.
- b. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 3 Dec 07, fail to go to your appointed place of duty at the scheduled time, to wit: mandatory physical training. For this failure you received a Record of Individual Counseling (RIC), dated 3 Dec 07.
- c. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 10 Dec 07, fail to go to your appointed place of duty at the scheduled time, to wit: mandatory physical training. For this failure you received a Letter of Reprimand (LOR), dated 10 Dec 07.
- d. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 7 Feb 08, fail to go to your appointed place of duty at the scheduled time, to wit: mandatory Readiness Formation and Recall. For this failure you received an LOR, dated 8 Feb 08.
- e. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 29 Feb 08, fail to go to your appointed place of duty at the scheduled time, to wit: mandatory physical training. For this failure you received an LOR, dated 3 Mar 08.

- f. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 2 Apr 08, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: Bldg 475, for mandatory physical training formation. For this violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ you received an Article 15, dated 22 Apr 08.
- g. You were, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 6 May 08, derelict in the performance of your duties, to wit: you sat in a shop vehicle listening to the radio instead of reporting to your chain of command for job reassignment as you had previously been briefed. For this misconduct you received an LOR, dated 13 May 08.
- h. You did, at or near Francis E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyoming, on or about 19 May 08, without authority, fail to go at the time prescribed to your appointed place of duty, to wit: Bldg 475. For this violation of Article 86 of the UCMJ you received a Vacation Action, dated 28 May 08.
- 3. You have the right to consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made an appointment for you to consult APC at Y.Y. World High 17 Tuy 68, at 0800 hours. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.
- 4. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by 19 Jen 48 unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to the separation authority.
- 5. If you fail to consult counsel or to submit statements in your own behalf, your failure will constitute a waiver of your right to do so.
- 6. You have been scheduled for a medical examination. You must report to p.E. warren on 23 Jun 08, at 6915 hours for the examination.

  Clinic, Family Practice
- 7. Any personal information you furnish in rebuttal is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of AFI 36-3208 is available for your use at your command support staff office.
- 8. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.

Commander, 90th Civil Engineer Squadron

#### Attachments:

- 1. LOC, dated 19 Nov 07
- 2. RIC, dated 3 Dec 07

- 3. LOR, dated 10 Dec 07
- LOR, dated 8 Feb 08
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- 6. Article 15, dated 22 Apr 08
  7. LOR, dated 13 May 08
  8. Vacation Action, dated 28 May 08



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 90TH SPACE WING (AFSPC)

**12 €** JUN 2002

MEMORANDUM FOR 90 SW/CC

FROM: 90 SW/JA

SUBJECT: Legal Review of AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208 Discharge Action:

1. I have reviewed the subject discharge action and find it legally sufficient. Lt Col he 90th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander, has recommended that Amn be involuntarily separated from the United States Air Force Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge in accordance with AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2. Lt Coldoes not recommend probation and rehabilitation (P&R). I concur with Lt Colrecommendation.

#### 2. Facts:

- a. Amn misconduct consists of: failure to obey a lawful order/dereliction of duty (twice) and failure to go (six times).
- b. As a result of his misconduct, Amn received an Article 15 with Vacation Action, four Letters of Reprimand (LOR), one Letter of Counseling (LOC), and one Record of Individual Counseling (RIC).
- 3. There is a legally sufficient basis to separate Amn from the United States Air Force with a General Discharge without P&R.
- a. Basis for discharge: AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2, authorizes separation for a pattern of misconduct in the current enlistment that is prejudicial to good order and discipline. Amn misconduct, as described above, establishes a sufficient basis for discharge.
- b. Should Amn be discharged? Amn should be discharged. Amn has engaged in a steady pattern of misconduct. In the span of just over six months, Amn has received an Article 15 with Vacation Action, four LORs, one LOC and a RIC. Amn misconduct is a consistent pattern of failing to go or being derelict in his duties at work. Though his unit used escalating levels of discipline in an attempt to get Amn attention, his pattern of misconduct continued. Given this pattern, his continued presence within the Air Force is likely to be disruptive, and he is likely to be an undesirable influence. For factors you must consider, refer to Attachment 1.

- c. Service characterization: Amn has engaged in a pattern of misconduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline as evidenced by his inability to correct his irresponsible behavior. However, his conduct is not of the nature that would usually warrant an Under Other than Honorable Conditions Discharge. Thus, I concur with Lt Col ecommendation for a General Discharge. For authorized service characterizations, reference Attachment 1.
- d. Probation and Rehabilitation: The unit has made multiple attempts over time to encourage Amn to adhere to military standards regarding both his duty performance and punctuality. Because of the frequency of Amn misconduct in such a short duration (a little over six months) as well as the many escalating attempts (one Article 15 with Vacation Action, four LORs, one LOC, and one RIC) his unit made to try to get him to change his unsatisfactory behavior, P&R is inappropriate.
- 4. Amn Response:
- a. Amn is entitled to wear the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.
- b. Amn was notified of this discharge action on 16 June 2008. He consulted counsel and submitted a written statement for your consideration. In his written statement, Amn summarizes his background and asks that you retain him, or in the alternative, discharge him with an Honorable discharge characterization. Amn recounts much of his training and recent volunteer work, but does not address any of his misconduct. With his response, Amn also submitted a character statement, written on his behalf, from A1C
- 5. Options for Separation Authority: As the special court-martial convening authority, you are the separation authority for this action. You may:
  - a. retain Amn in the Air Force;
- b. recommend Amn be separated with an Honorable Discharge, with or without probation and rehabilitation, and forward this case to the general court-martial convening authority (20 AF/CC) for action;
- c. direct Amn e separated with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge with or without probation and rehabilitation;
- d. direct this case be reinitiated pursuant to the board hearing procedures of AFI 36-3208, Chapter 6, Section C, if you feel a UOTHC Discharge is warranted;
- e. direct this case be reinitiated under another paragraph of AFI 36-3208, if you deem it more appropriate.
- 6. I recommend that you direct Amn be separated with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Discharge without P & R. Although Lt Col

# **ATTACHMENT 1**

1. **AFI 36-3208**, paragraph **6.1.1**, **Separation or Retention Factors**: AFI 36-3208, paragraph **6.1.1**, lists the factors that the separation authority must consider in making a