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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.

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.

The Board finds the applicant submitted no issues contesting the equity or propriety of the discharge, and after a thorough review of the record, the Board was unable to identify any that would justify a change of discharge)

ISSUE:

Issue 1. 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 DRB recognized the applicant was 22 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 or older than 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.

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

33 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE SQUADRON (ACC)
EGLIN AFB FLORIDA 32542

MEMORANDUM FOR A

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FROM: 33 AMXS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

- 1. 1 am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for misconduct, specifically minor disciplinary infractions. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable or general. I am recommending that your service be characterized as general.
- 2. My reasons for this action are:
 - a. Investigation has disclosed that on or about 2 August 2004 at Dormitory 17D, you were involved in an incident where Security Forces personnel responded to a report of violence within your room. During that investigation it was determined that there was destruction of personal property. Additionally, you had an unauthorized female guest in your dormitory room and were charged with assault. In a separate dormitory incident on or about 2 April 2004, you were charged with fleeing and eluding the CQ and Security Forces, hiding personnel in your latrine, assisting them in eluding apprehension, and failing to obey the CQ. For this offense you received a letter of reprimand, dated 1 September 2004.
 - b. You, who knew of your duties at or near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 2 April 2004, were derelict in the performance of those duties in that you willfully failed to refrain from providing alcohol to Airman First who was under the age of twenty-one, as it was your duty to do.
 - You did, at or near Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 23 May 2004, near the entry control point of the East Gate physically control a vehicle, to wit: a passenger car, while the alcohol concentration in your breath was 0.160 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath or greater as shown by chemical analysis. For these offenses you received nonjudicial punishment, dated 4 August 2004.
 - c. You did, at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, on or about 15 February 2003, without proper authority, willfully break a window in dormitory 17, military property of the United States, by hitting it with your hand, the amount of said damage being in the sum of about \$49.59. For this offense you received nonjudicial punishment, dated 4 March 2003.
 - d. Investigation has disclosed that on or about 11 January 2003, you were involved in a social gathering in your room in Dorm #17 with During this party, the other individuals were drinking both beer and "Jaegermeister" shots. They both made sworn written affidavits that implicated you in the crime of underage drinking.

However, in your sworn written statement, you vehemently denied consuming any alcohol (this could never be verified because you could NOT be located that night/you never returned to your room and no BAT was taken). At approximately 2245 hours, 11 January 2003, you POV and drove to the West Gate Shoppette to get some "Black & Milds." By your own sworn admission, you related that was so intoxicated he could, "hardly see, much less drive." However, you (the ONLY person who was allegedly NOT drinking that night) allowed to get behind the wheel of his car while you and poth got inside as passengers. For this offense you received a letter of reprimand, dated 13 February 2003.

- 3. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. The commander exercising SPCM jurisdiction or higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the United States Air Force and, if you are discharged, how your service will be characterized. If you are discharged, you will be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force and any special pay, bonus, or education assistance funds may be subject to recoupment.
- 4. 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 the second of the second o
- 5. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me within 3 duty days unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to the separation authority.
- 6. 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.
- 7. You have been scheduled for an appointment with the 96th Mission Support Squadron, separations section, on 1 December 2004 at 1830 hours.
- 8. After your briefing, you are to report to the 96th Traffic Management Office with your authorized letter from separations to schedule your TMO pickup.
- 9. You are required to receive a briefing from the Family Support Center prior to your separation. You have been scheduled to receive your Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) briefing on 7 December 2004 at 0800 hours.
- 10. You have been scheduled for a medical examination. You must report to 96 MDG Force Health Management, 307 Boatner Rd. on 9 December 2004, at 0715 hours for the examination.
- 11. 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 33 AMX/CSS.

12. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.



Attachments:

- Supporting Documents
 Receipt of Notification Memorandum



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCEHEADQUARTERS 96TH AIR BASE WING (AFMC) EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM FOR 96 ABW/CC

FROM: 96 ABW/JA

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- 1. **LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**: I reviewed the attached discharge package concerning and find it legally sufficient to support an administrative discharge action for misconduct, specifically minor disciplinary infractions under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49.
- 2. **INITIATION OF ACTION**: On 1 December 2004, and a substitute of 33 AMXS/CC, notified the respondent he was recommending the respondent be administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49. Ecommends the respondent receive a general discharge. The respondent is not entitled to an administrative discharge board.

3. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED FOR THE GOVERNMENT:

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The supporting documents for these offenses are located at Tab 1.

4. EVIDENCE CONSIDERED FOR THE RESPONDENT: The respondent is 22 years old and enlisted in the Air Force on 14 August 2001. He was assigned to his current unit on 19 May 2002. After being advised of his rights to counsel and to submit statements, the respondent consulted counsel and waived his right to submit matters for your consideration (Tabs 2 & 3).

5. DISCUSSION:

- a. Separation Criteria: discharge action for minor disciplinary infractions pursuant to AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49.
- b. Characterization of Discharge: Discharge under paragraph 5.49 can be described as under other than honorable conditions (UOTHC), general, or honorable. An under other than honorable conditions discharge is appropriate when there has been a pattern of behavior or one or more acts or omissions that constitute a significant departure from the conduct expected of airmen. A general discharge is warranted when an Airman's service has been honest and faithful but significant negative aspects of the Airman's performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the Airman's military record. An honorable discharge would be appropriate when the member's service has been so meritorious that any other characterization would be clearly inappropriate. The respondent's continuous disregard for rules and regulations is a significant negative aspect of his duty performance that outweighs any positive aspects of his military record. Thus, a general discharge appropriately characterizes
- c. Probation & Rehabilitation (P&R): Respondent is eligible for P&R under AFI 36-3208, chapter 7. P&R is limited to deserving cases, including those where the airman has demonstrated a potential to serve satisfactorily, has the capacity to be rehabilitated for continued military service or for completion of the current enlistment, or whose retention on active duty in a probationary status is consistent with the maintenance of good order and discipline in the Air Force. Past rehabilitative