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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 and authority for the discharge.

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.

After a review of the record, the Board unanimously voted to grant the relief of the requested upgrade as discussed below.

FINDING: The Board grants the requested relief.

ISSUE:

Issue 1. Applicant was discharged with an under other than honorable conditions (general) discharge for failure in the alcohol abuse treatment program. Applicant states he refused to participate in the program because he desired to be discharged. While the Notification Memorandum for the discharge makes reference to a history of tardiness and smelling of alcohol while on duty, and the legal review states that "respondent's conduct clearly outweighs the positive aspects of his service," neither memorandum documents the specific misconduct upon which the characterization of service was apparently based. Because applicant was not properly notified of the misconduct upon which the characterization of his service would be based, he was not afforded an informed opportunity to determine whether he should respond. Although applicant failed to respond to his discharge action, and clearly was anxious to be discharged, he may have determined to respond differently had he been notified of the specific misconduct upon which the characterization of his service would be based. Although applicant had misconduct in his record, and wanted to be discharged, that does not allow for the proper procedures to be overlooked in the processing of the discharge action. The Board finds that the omission of the misconduct upon which the discharge characterization would be based from the notification and legal review documents was a harmful error which was prejudicial to the applicant.

CONCLUSION: The Discharge Review Board concludes that the discharge was inconsistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the discharge regulation and finds the applicant was not provided full administrative due process.

In view of the foregoing findings, the Board concludes that the overall quality of applicant's service is more accurately reflected by an Honorable discharge and the reason for the discharge is more accurately described as Secretarial Authority under the provisions of Title 10, USC 1553.

Attachment: Examiner's Brief

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 20TH FIGHTER WING (ACC) SHAW AIR FORCE BASE SOUTH CAROLINA

MEMORANDUM FOR A1C

FROM: 20 ADOS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

- 1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for failure in the Alcohol Abuse Treatment Program. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, Chapter 5, Section F, Paragraph 5.32. If your discharge is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable or under honorable conditions (general). I am recommending that your service be characterized as under honorable conditions (general).
- 2. You are being recommended for discharge for failure in alcohol abuse treatment. My reasons for this action are that:

Between on or about 18 Oct 05 to 2 Nov 05, you were referred to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment Program (ADAPT) by your supervisor for an incident that occurred on 18 Oct 05, when you were late to work after consuming a large quantity of alcohol the previous night. Your supervisor has reported a history of you being tardy to work and often smelled alcohol on your person. Capt a clinical psychologist, diagnosed you with Alcohol Dependence with continuous drinking and recommended treatment. You told Capt that you did not see any problem with your drinking or subsequent negative behavior and you had no desire to participate in treatment to treat your Alcohol Dependence. You further told Capt you do not wish to reduce or abstain from alcohol consumption. On 7 Nov 05, you were given another opportunity to participate in treatment and again refused.

- 3. Copies of the documents to support this recommendation are attached and will be forwarded to the separation authority. The separation authority will make the findings and recommendations required under 10 U.S.C. 2005(g) regarding recoupment of education assistance funds, if applicable. The commander exercising special court-martial jurisdiction or a higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the 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 Captain Area Defense Counsel, 895-9530, 321 Cullen Street, at Orso hours on 17 Nov 2005. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

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- 5. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by a 830 hours on 22 ~00 2005 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 a medical examination. You must report to the 20th Medical Group, Primary Care Clinic at 6736 hours on 18 NOV 2005 and an additional examination will be scheduled if necessary.
- 8. 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 in the unit orderly room.
- 9. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.

, Lt Col, USAF

Commander

Attachments:

Supporting Documents (Tab A)
ADAPT Program Failure Memorandum, dated 8 Nov 05
Respondent's ADAPT Refusal Letter, dated 7 Nov 05

Other Derogatory Documentation (Tab B)

- 1) Record of Individual Counseling (ROIC,) dated 1 Apr 04
- 2) Record of Individual Counseling (ROIC,) dated 3 May 05
- 3) Letter of Counseling (LOC,) dated 22 Aug 05
- 4) Letter of Reprimand (LOR,) dated 15 Sep 05







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MEMORANDUM FOR CC

FROM: JA

SUBJECT: Administrative Discharge - A1C ______, 20 ADOS

1. I have reviewed the proposed discharge action case file and find it legally sufficient to support a decision to separate the respondent with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge, as soon as he is found medically fit for separation.

2. Background:

- a. The respondent is a 23-year-old Aerospace Physiology Apprentice assigned to the 20th Aeromedical Dental Squadron (20 ADOS). His TAFMSD is 12 Aug 03 and he began his 4-year enlistment on 12 Aug 03. He was assigned to his present unit on 12 Dec 03. The respondent has one enlisted performance report with an overall rating of 4.
- b. On 17 Nov 05, 20 ADOS/CC properly notified the respondent of his recommendation to separate the respondent under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, Chapter 5, Section F, paragraph 5.32 for failure in alcohol abuse treatment with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge. Because the respondent is not entitled to a board hearing, this case has been properly pursued via the notification procedures of AFI 36-3208, Chapter 6, Section B.
- 3. Evidence for the Government: On or about 18 Oct 05 to 2 Nov 05, the respondent was referred to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Treatment Program (ADAPT) by his supervisor for an incident that occurred on 18 Oct 05, when he was late to work after consuming a large quantity of alcohol the previous night. His supervisor has reported a history of the respondent being tardy to work and often smelled alcohol on his person. Capt a clinical psychologist, diagnosed the respondent with Alcohol Dependence with continuous drinking and recommended treatment. The respondent told Capt that he did not see any problem with his drinking or subsequent negative behavior and he had no desire to participate in treatment to treat his Alcohol Dependence. The respondent further told Capt he did not wish to reduce or abstain from alcohol consumption. On 7 Nov 05, the respondent was given another opportunity to participate in treatment and again refused. On 8 Nov 05, the respondent was deemed an ADAPT program failure due to his repeated refusal to participate.
- 4. Evidence for the Respondent: The respondent was properly notified of his right to counsel and to submit statements on his behalf for your consideration. On 17 Nov 05, the respondent consulted with military legal counsel and did not submit matter in writing.





5. Discussion:

- a. A basis for discharge exists. The respondent's refusal to participate in the ADAPT Program is sufficient basis for discharge under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.32.
- b. The respondent should be discharged under that provision. The respondent was given the opportunity on two separate occasions to participate in the ADAPT program, but refused to do so.
- c. The respondent should be given a general discharge. Based on the respondent's overall performance, 20 ADOS/CC recommends an under honorable conditions (general) discharge. According to AFI 36-3208, paragraph 1.18.2, a general discharge is appropriate when "significant negative aspects of the airman's conduct or performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the airman's military record." The respondent's conduct in this case clearly outweighs the positive aspects of his service.
- d. Probation and Rehabilitation is not appropriate in this case. Respondent's continued disregard for military standards, despite the unit's efforts, demonstrates his poor rehabilitative potential. I do not recommend probation and rehabilitation in conjunction with this discharge.
- 6. Errors and Irregularities: I note no errors or irregularities prejudicial to the respondent's substantive or procedural rights.
- 7. Options: As separation authority in this case, you may:
 - a. Direct retention, if you determine the evidence does not warrant discharge; or,
- b. Forward this case to 9 AF/CC with the recommendation that the respondent receive an honorable discharge: or,
- c. Direct respondent's separation with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge, with or with out P&R: or,
- d. Return this case to the unit for re-initiation, with the recommendation that the respondent receive an under other than honorable conditions discharge.



8. <u>Recommendation</u>: Direct the respondent's separation with an under honorable conditions (general) discharge, without probation and rehabilitation. A proposed memorandum to that effect is attached for your signature.

Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

Attachments:

- 1. Proposed Letter
- 2. Case File