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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2009-00703

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade of discharge to honorable and to change the reenlistment code.

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 reenlistment code are denied.

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. Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of her discharge. The applicant does submit that she is a single mom of two children, one of whom is disabled, and is unable to get employment due to her reenlistment code. The record indicates the applicant received three Letters of Reprimand, and one Letter of Counseling. Her misconduct included failure to go (2x), failure to arrive on time for duty, disrespectful to a SNCO and with intent to deceive made a false statement regarding an NCO. The Board opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change her behavior. They 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.

Issue 2. The applicant cited her desire to receive the G.I. Bill benefits as justification for upgrade. The DRB noted that when the applicant applied for these benefits, she signed a statement (DD Form 2366, on December 5, 2005) that she understood she must receive an Honorable discharge to receive future educational entitlements. The Board was sympathetic to the impact the loss of these benefits was having on the applicant, but this is not a matter of inequity or impropriety which would warrant an upgrade.

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

APPLICATION FOR THE REVIEW OF DISCHARGE FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

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13. CONTINUATION OF ITEM 6, ISSUES (If applicable)

DD FORM 293, NOV 2006



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 6TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AMC) MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM FOR \$RA

JUL 2 8 2009

FROM: 6 SFS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

- 1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Misconduct: Pattern of Misconduct: conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 Military Retirements and Separation and AFI 36-3208 Administrative Separation of Airmen, paragraph 5.50.2. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as Under Honorable Conditions (General).
- 2. My reasons for this action are:
- a. On or about 11 Dec 07, you failed to go to a mandatory medical appointment for which you received a Letter of Reprimand (LOR), dated 12 Dec 07. (Tab 4 Atch 1)
- b. On or about 1 Feb 08 and on or about 6 Mar 08, you failed to go to your Physical Health Assessment, your M-4 firing and two PT sessions for which you received a Letter of Admonishment (LOA), dated 14 Mar 08. (Tab 4 Atch 2)
- c. On or about 15 May 08, you were late to report to your appointed place of duty for which you received a LOR, dated 21 May 08. (Tab 4 Atch 3)
- d. On or about 6 Feb 09, you were disrespectful towards your superior noncommissioned officer (NCO) for which you received a LOR, dated 6 Jul 09. In addition, I added the document into an established Unfavorable Information File (UIF), dated 13 Jul 09. (Tab 4 Atch 4)
- e. On or about 8 Feb 09, you intended to deceive, by making a false official statement to wit: you accused your superior NCO of poking you in the eye for which you received a LOR, dated 6 Jul 09. I also added the document into an established UIF, dated 13 Jul 09. (Tab 4 Atch 5)
- 3. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. The commander exercising special court-martial jurisdiction or a 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.

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 Incident Report, dated 10 Feb 09, (9 pages)



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 6TH AIR MOBILITY WING (AMC) MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM FOR 6 AMW/CC

FROM: 6 AMW/JA

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

·SrA

- 1. Lt Col 6 SFS/CC, recommends SrA be involuntarily separated with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge service characterization pursuant to AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2, Pattern of Misconduct: Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline. The reasons set forth in the Commander's Recommendation Letter, with accompanying documentation, are legally sufficient to support action under this provision of the instruction. SrA will be medically cleared prior to final discharge.
- 2. <u>FACTS</u>: The events providing the basis for this discharge occurred during SrA current enlistment, a 6-year term which began 29 Nov 05, and are detailed below:
- a. On or about 11 Dec 07, SrA failed to go to a mandatory medical appointment for which she received a Letter of Reprimand (LOR), dated 12 Dec 07. (Tab 4 Atch 1)
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- 3. <u>MEMBER'S RESPONSE</u>: SrA has consulted with legal counsel and waived her right to submit a written response.

4. ANALYSIS:

- a. Appropriateness of Discharge: Lt Col initiated discharge against SrA based upon her record of misconduct. Despite the unit's efforts to discipline and rehabilitate SrA through letters of reprimand, admonishment and an established (UIF) with several entries, SrA has chosen to continue down her path of misconduct. She received a LOR for failing to go to a mandatory medical appointment, a LOA for failing to go to a Physical Health Assessment, M-4 firing and two PT sessions and another LOR for reporting late to her appointed place of duty. Her repeated offenses are clear evidence that she is unwilling to improve her conduct. SrA received a LOR for slapping the hand of a superior SNCO after he pointed his finger towards her while ordering her to perform her Fitness Assessment. In addition, she made a false official statement about a superior SNCO to wit: she accused him of poking her in the eye with his finger. A pattern of misconduct has clearly been established in SrA service. This misconduct, especially disrespect for authority, is prejudicial to good order and discipline. Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline is conduct that tends to disrupt order, discipline, or morale within the military community. The record of misconduct stands for itself in this action, and a basis for discharge pursuant to AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.50.2 exists and is the appropriate course for the commander to take.
- b. <u>Characterization of Service</u>: Discharges under this paragraph can be characterized as Honorable, Under Honorable Conditions (General) or Under Other Than Honorable Conditions (UOTHC):
 - (1) Honorable or Under Honorable Conditions (General): According to AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.48.4, when a discharge action under paragraph 5.50.2 is initiated, an honorable discharge is only warranted when the member's service is so meritorious that any other characterization would be "clearly inappropriate". A general discharge is given when the airman's service has been honest and faithful, but significant negative aspects of the airman's conduct or performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the airman's military record. The foregoing case file supports the commander's recommendation to characterize SrA service as Under Honorable Conditions (General).

 SrA record contains sufficient disciplinary infractions to outweigh the positive aspects of her short service. There is no indication in her military record that her duty performance has been so exemplary that it would be "clearly inappropriate" to give her a general discharge. As a result, the commander's recommendation of an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge is supported and is appropriate in this case.
 - (2) UOTHC: AFI 36-3208, paragraph 1.18.3, states that an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions discharge should be given when basing the reason for separation on a pattern of behavior or one or more acts or omissions that constitute a significant departure from the conduct expected of airmen.

Some examples of such behavior, acts, or omissions listed in the AFI include, but are not limited to: the use of force or violence to produce serious bodily injury or death, abuse of a special position of trust, acts or omissions that endanger the security of the United States, and acts that endanger the health and welfare of other Air Force members. While SrA acts are certainly a clear departure from the conduct expected of airman, her acts are not as grievous as the examples of conduct that typically merit a UOTHC discharge characterization.

- c. <u>Probation and Rehabilitation (P&R)</u>. According to AFI 36-3208, Chapter 7, P&R may be offered to Airmen who have demonstrated a potential to serve satisfactorily, have the capacity to be rehabilitated for continued military service or 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. The commander effectively makes the case that the respondent has been given numerous opportunities to correct her behavior and comply with military standards. She has received four LORs, one LOA, and several entries in an established UIF during a 19 month period from Dec 07 Jul 09. In spite of all the correction and opportunities her squadron has given her, SrA has repeatedly and consciously failed to correct her behavior. The commander s recommendation that P&R not be offered is appropriate.
- 5. <u>ERRORS AND IRREGULARITIES</u>: None. All procedures required by AFI 36-3208 have been properly complied with and the case has been appropriately processed.
- 6. <u>CONVENING AUTHORITY OPTIONS</u>: As the Special Court-Martial Convening Authority, you may take one of the following actions in this case:
 - a. Retain Respondent in the Air Force.
- b. Direct that Respondent be discharged and furnished an Under Honorable Conditions (General) discharge with or without P&R.
- c. Forward the package to 18 AF/CC with a recommendation that Respondent be discharged from the Air Force with an Under Other Than Honorable Conditions discharge (UOTHC).
- d. Forward the package to 18 AF/CC with a recommendation that Respondent be discharged from the Air Force with an Honorable discharge.

7. <u>Conclusion:</u> I recommend you direct SrA be separated with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) service characterization without P&R. A letter for your signature to implement this recommendation is attached should you concur.

Capt, USAF

I concur.

Attachment: Discharge Package