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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, 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. Change of reason and authority for 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:

Applicant submitted no issues regarding the inequity or impropriety of his discharge. The applicant does submit that he wants to be able to enlist in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and after fourteen years since the discharge he realizes what the military meant to him. The record indicates the applicant received a civilian conviction, one Article 15, one Letter of Reprimand, and a Record of Individual Counseling. His misconduct included driving while intoxicated (DWI), failed to report to place of duty, and violation of base driving privileges. The Board opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his 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.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMB WING (ACC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

20 January 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR A1C

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FROM: 93 MS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

1. I 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. On 23 July 1994, at or near the city of Atwater, CA, you operated a vehicle under the influence of alcohol, with a BAT of .28. Your driving under the influence case was handled in civilian court in which you were sentenced to 36 months probation, \$1450 fine, and four days in jail. In addition to the civilian action you received a Letter of Reprimand, you were placed on the control roster, and an Unfavorable Information File was established on you. You were also released from Airman Leadership School, you were entered into and completed Track III of the substance abuse program, and your base driving privileges were suspended for one year as a result of your driving under the influence (see Tab NL1a).
- b. On 8 and 16 November 1994, you failed to report to your appointed place of duty. For your failure to go, you were counseled (see Tab NL1b).
- c. On 3 January 1995, you violated the suspension (see a. above), by driving a privately owned vehicle on Castle AFB, CA. For your misconduct you received an Article 15 with reduction in grade from SrA to A1C (see Tab NL1c).
- 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 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.
- 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 at building 265 on 23 January 1995 at 0900 hours. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.

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- 5. You have the right to submit statements on your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by 25 January 1995 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 on your own behalf, your failure will constitute a waiver of your right to do so.
- 7. You were scheduled for a medical examination. You reported to the 93d Medical Group at 0700 hours on 19 January 1995 for the examination.
- 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 your unit orderly room.

Major, USAF

Commander, 93 MS

Attachments:

NL1. Supporting Documents

NL1a. LOR, dtd 26 Jul 94; UIF Action, dtd 26 Jul 94 93 MSS/MSN Ltr, dtd 25 Jul 94; Incident Report #CAAF00500; Substance Abuse Disposition Form, dtd 22 Aug 94

NL1b. Counseling Feedback Ltrs, dtd 21 &22 Nov 94

NL1c. Article 15, dtd 17 Jan 95 w/atchs

NL2. Airman's Acknowledgment

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

HEADQUARTERS 93D BOMB WING (ACC)
CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA

Date: 26 January 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR 93 BW/CC

FROM: JA (Major

SUBJECT: Legal Review of AFI 36-3208 Discharge Action (A1C

FR 93 MS)

1. I have reviewed the attached discharge action on A1C and find it legally sufficient. The commander recommends discharge for Misconduct, specifically, Minor Disciplinary Infractions. This case meets the criteria for discharge under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49 and is supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The commander recommends a general discharge.

2. **DISCUSSION**:

- a. The Respondent's conduct during this enlistment reflects a pattern of misconduct consisting of minor disciplinary infractions which subject him to discharge under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.49. The Respondent's misconduct during this enlistment consists of driving under the influence, failure to report to his appointed place on no less than two occasions, and violating an order not to drive on Castle AFB. For his misconduct, the Respondent was counseled, received a Letter of Reprimand, and was placed on the control roster. In addition, an Unfavorable Information File was established on Respondent and he has received an Article 15 with punishment of reduction in grade. The Respondent's behavior can no longer be tolerated by the Air Force, and the Respondent should be discharged.
- b. The Respondent's service should be characterized as general. The significant negative aspects of his conduct outweigh the positive aspects of his record. The Respondent's service is not otherwise so meritorious that an honorable discharge is appropriate. On the other hand, the Respondent's misconduct is not so severe as to warrant an under other than honorable conditions characterization.
- c. Probation and rehabilitation are not appropriate in this case. The Respondent's commander has already used most available rehabilitative tools without effect.
- d. The Respondent elected to submit a statement after consulting counsel. He does not feel that an involuntary discharge is right and requests to voluntarily separate from the Air Force with an Honorable Discharge.
- 3. ERRORS AND IRREGULARITIES: None.

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- 4. OPTIONS OF THE SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONVENING AUTHORITY. You may:
 - a. Retain the Respondent in the Air Force;
- b. Recommend to the General Court-Martial Convening Authority that the Respondent be discharged because of Misconduct, for the reasons alleged by the commander, with an honorable discharge, with or without probation and rehabilitation;
- c. Discharge the Respondent because of Misconduct, for the reasons alleged by the commander, with a general discharge, with or without probation and rehabilitation, or;
- d. Direct the unit to reinitiate the action to be processed under board hearing procedures if you determine an under other than honorable conditions discharge may be warranted.
- 5. <u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: I concur with the commander's recommendation that the Respondent be discharged with a general discharge, without probation and rehabilitation.

Staff Judge Advocate