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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

FD-2010-00113

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

Applicant contends his discharge was inequitable because it was based on an isolated incident. The record indicates the applicant pled guilty and was convicted under a General Court Martial for possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and transporting an illegal drug in a government vehicle. Upon review of the record, the Board was unable to find any documentation regarding the discharge. Due to lack of evidence and supporting documentation to explain the discharge, the Board concludes that the misconduct was a significant departure from the conduct expected of all military members. The Board relies on the presumption of regularity and finds the characterization; reason for discharge and the reenlistment code were appropriate.

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