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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, 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 to exercise this right.

The attached brief contains available pertinent data on the applicant and the factors leading to the discharge.

FINDINGS: Upgrade of discharge, change of reason and authority for discharge, and change of reenlistment code are denied.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record nor that provided by the applicant substantiates an inequity or impropriety that would justify a change of discharge.

ISSUE:

Issue 1. Applicant contends that he should not be penalized indefinitely for mistakes he made when he was young and immature. He has expressed a desire for upgrade of his discharge to be eligible to apply for a position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The DRB recognized the applicant was 20 years of age when the discharge took place. However, there is no evidence he was immature or did not know right from wrong. The records indicated the applicant received an Article 15, two Letters of Reprimand, six Records of Individual Counseling and one Memorandum for Record for misconduct. Applicant was administratively disciplined for cutting his leg with a pocket knife, failure to shave, being late for work on numerous occasions, dereliction of duty, and failed CDC exams. He received an Article 15 for failure to go to appointed place of duty. He was punished with a suspended reduction in grade to Airman and forfeiture of pay. The DRB opined that through these administrative actions, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior. The Board concluded the misconduct was a significant departure from conduct expected of all military members. The characterization of the discharge received by the applicant was found to be appropriate.

Issue 2. 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 Board concluded the misconduct of the applicant appropriately characterized his term of service.

CONCLUSIONS: 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 that 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, thus the applicant's discharge should not be changed.

Attachment: Examiner's Brief