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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2019-00094 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 8 Dec 03 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a General discharge for Misconduct. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of her discharge characterization to Honorable and change to narrative reason. The board was conducted on 20 Aug 19.  The applicant was offered a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), but declined and requested the board be completed based on a records only review. The applicant was not represented by counsel.  The attached examiner’s brief (provided to applicant only), extracted from available service records, contains pertinent data regarding the circumstances and character of the applicant’s military service.    FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to deny the applicant’s request to upgrade her discharge characterization to Honorable and change narrative reason to Secretarial Authority.  DISCUSSION: The DRB, under its responsibility to examine the propriety and equity of an applicant’s discharge, is authorized to change the characterization of service and the narrative reason for discharge if such changes are warranted. If applicable, the board can also change the applicant’s reenlistment eligibility code. In reviewing discharges, the board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence to rebut the presumption, to include evidence submitted by the applicant. The board completed a thorough review of the circumstances that led to the discharge and the discharge process to determine if the discharge met the pertinent standards of equity and propriety.  The applicant’s record of service included one Article 15, her misconduct included; absent self from place of duty.  The applicant made no contentions that the discharge was inequitable or improper. She states that her husband had questionable acquaintances and abused her verbally and physically. OSI began an investigation due to her husband’s acquaintances and questioned her about her affiliation with drugs. She allowed them to voluntarily search her home, took numerous drug test and took a polygraph test, eventually her husband was barred from base. She was then told she was told she was being discharged, she filed an appeal but was soon discharged. She has since became a counselor and works at a treatment facility and is pursuing a doctoral degree. The DRB upon review of the applicant’s service record, the board was not able to find any documentation regarding the discharge. Since the board relies on the presumption of regularity, it concluded the discharge received by the applicant was appropriate. If the applicant can provide additional information to substantiate her contentions, the board recommends she exercise the right to make a personal appearance before the DRB or appeal the DRB’s decision to the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records.  CONCLUSION: The board found insufficient evidence of an inequity or impropriety that would warrant a change to the applicant’s discharge. Therefore, the discharge received by the applicant was deemed to be appropriate and her request was not approved.  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 29 Aug 19. If desired, the applicant can request a list of the board members and their votes by writing to:  Air Force Review Boards Agency  Attn: Discharge Review Board  1500 West Perimeter Road, Suite 3700  Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602  Attachment: Examiner's Brief | |