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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2020-00113 |
| The applicant was discharged on 4 Jun 2013 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a General discharge for Misconduct. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his discharge characterization to Honorable. The board was conducted on 25 Aug 2020.  The applicant appeared and testified before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), without counsel, via video teleconference using VIDYO Cloud Connect between Joint Base Andrews, MD, and applicant’s location on 25 Aug 2020. No witnesses were present and testified on the applicant’s behalf.  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 his discharge characterization to Honorable.  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 two Article 15s, a Letter of Reprimand, and a Letter of Counseling. His misconduct included: failure to obey orders, disrespect towards superiors, driving under the influence of alcohol, and reporting to duty intoxicated.  The applicant made no contentions that the discharge was inequitable or improper. He claims, through his Congressman, that he deserves an upgrade to his discharge because he believes that due to the time and effort it took him to get his college degree he should be allowed to enjoy a career in the field he has chosen. He claims that based on his service characterization he has been denied employment by four different law enforcement departments. He further claims he is not the person he once was in the military and has grown and become more organized and determined to get his life back on track.  The DRB was pleased to see the applicant successfully completed his college degree since leaving the Air Force. The DRB reviewed the applicant’s entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant an upgrade of the discharge. The board understood the applicant’s present service characterization may hinder his ability to secure employment in the field he desires, however, this is not a matter of inequity or impropriety which would warrant an upgrade.  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 his request was not approved.  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 1 Sep 2020. 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  3351 Celmers Lane  Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602  Attachment: Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only) | |