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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2020-00361 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 27 Jul 11 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a General discharge for Misconduct (Minor Infractions). The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his discharge characterization to Honorable. The board was conducted on 11 Jun 20.  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 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 15’s, one Letter of Reprimand, two Letters of Counseling, and two letters of admonishment. His misconduct included: with intent to deceive, made a false official statement (x2); failure to pay debt; failure to refrain from operating a motor vehicle while drunk; failure to obtain a passing score on the Air Force physical fitness assessment; dereliction of duty; disobeyed a direct order; and found sleeping on duty.  The applicant contended the discharge was inequitable because it does not reflect the overall character of his service. The applicant accepts responsibility for his mistake after misjudging his own level of inebriation to assist a friend he thought was too drunk to drive back to base. He believes the financial hardships that contributed to the discharge were a result of his divorce. The applicant states that he experienced sleep issues after he returned from a deployment to Qatar, but he never reported the issues because he did not want to be disqualified from his deployment status. The applicant insists his service was honest, faithful and meritorious. The applicant has maintained employment since his separation, and has not repeated the mistake of drinking and driving.  The DRB determined that, through the administrative actions taken by the chain of command in this case, the applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior. The board concluded the negative aspects of the applicant’s service outweighed the positive contributions he made during his Air Force career.  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 16 Jun 20. 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) | |