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|  **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT**  | CASE NUMBER FD-2020-00571 |
|  GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 3 Feb 15 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 17 Sep 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 seven Letters of Reprimand. His misconduct included: derelict in the performance of duties; failure to go at prescribed time to appointed place of duty (x3); found sleeping on duty; failure to pay military star card; failure to file spouse travel voucher in a timely manner; failure to pay government travel card in full; with intent to deceive, made a false statement (x3); failure to obey a direct order to produce flash cards for Career Development Course End of Test questions. The applicant made no contentions that the discharge was inequitable or improper. The applicant states that he was discharged due to an unpaid star card. He insists the debt is paid off, and was informed his DD214 can be changed after 6-12 months. The applicant stated he was told the discharge would be automatically upgraded at a later date. If that is true, the applicant was miscounseled. A discharge is upgraded only if it is established that an inequity or impropriety took place at the time of discharge. 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 2 Oct 20. If desired, the applicant can request a list of the board members and their votes by writing to: Air Force Review Boards AgencyAttn: Discharge Review Board3351 Celmers LaneJoint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602 Attachment:Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only) |