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SEPARATION FOR ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUG ABUSE REHABILITATION FAILURE CHAPTER 9, AR 635-200

Note: This handout only provides basic information and is not intended to serve as a substitute for personal consultation with an attorney.

BASIS FOR THIS CHAPTER

You can be discharged based upon alcohol or other drug abuse such as illegal, wrongful or improper use of any controlled substance, alcohol or other drug when:

1. You are enrolled in Army Substance Abuse Program (ASAP); and,
2. The Commander determines that further rehabilitation efforts are not practical, rendering you a rehabilitation failure. According to AR 600-85, this determination will be made in consultation with the rehabilitation team.

When your Commander determines that you, even if you have never been enrolled in ASAP, lack the potential for further useful service, you will be screened per AR 600-85. If found non-dependent, you will not be rehabilitated but will be considered for separation under another appropriate provision in AR 635-200.

If you are enrolled in the ASAP for alcohol/drug abuse you may be separated due to inability or refusal to participate in, cooperate in, or successfully complete the program for one of the following reasons:

1. There is lack of potential for continued Army service and rehabilitation efforts are no longer practical; or,
2. Long-term rehabilitation is necessary and you are transferred to a civilian medical facility for treatment.

Keep in mind, according to AR 635-200, initiation of separation proceedings is required for soldiers designated alcohol/drug rehabilitation failures.

WHAT MUST THE COMMAND DO?

Once it is determined that separation under this paragraph is warranted, your Commander will take actions specified in the Notification Procedures, Chapter 2, AR

635-200. This action can only be initiated when you are under military control unless confined by civil authorities whose military records indicates that you should be processed for separation under this chapter.

TYPE OF DISCHARGE

Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions. If you are in an entry-level status, your service will be listed as “uncharacterized”.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/ANY QUESTIONS?

If you are notified for separation, you will visit our office for further advice. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please address that with a Trial Defense Attorney or one of the office’s Paralegal Specialists.