WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR A CHAPTER 9?

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:

a) There is lack of potential for continued Army service and rehabilitation efforts are no longer practical; or,

b) 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 have questions on these matters, or need any other assistance, you should speak with a defense attorney. AR 635-200 and all Army regulations can be viewed on-line at www.apd.army.mil.

TDS INFORMATION: The TDS office is located on the 1st floor, D wing, room D110, building 2027, Ft. Lewis Main Post, Joint Base Lewis McChord, Washington. We provide consultation to Soldiers facing administrative separation on a walk-in basis on Mondays and Wednesdays at 1300. Please bring the original and complete copy of your administrative separation packet with you. For more information call DSN 677-1847 or (253) 967-1847.