

## **CHAPTERS:**

General Guidelines and Definitions:

- SPCMCA (Special Court Martial Convening Authority = BDE level CMDR)
- A Separation Board is required in the two following instances:
  1. The soldier has 6 years or more of total active and reserve service on the date or initiation of the recommendation for separation.
  2. The discharge sought is Other Than Honorable.

### **TYPES OF CHAPTERS, DISCHARGES, AND THE SEPARATION AUTHORITY**

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LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Honorable Approval Authority:		
1. Soldier with less than 6 years total service: SCMCA (Sqdn or Bn)		
2. Soldier with 6 years or more total service: SPCMCA (Regt or Bde)		

