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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Approval Authority: SPCMCA (Regt or Bde)

LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Under Other Than Honorable Conditions or Honorable
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LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: General
Approval Authority: SPCMCA (Regt or Bde)

LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Under Other Than Honorable Conditions or Honorable
Approval Authority: GCMCA

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LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: General
Approval Authority: SPCMCA (Regt or Bde)

LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Under Other Than Honorable Conditions or Honorable
Approval Authority: GCMCA

Voluntary Separation of Soldiers denied Reenlistment
Locally imposed bars to reenlistment

LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Honorable
Approval Authority: SCMCA (Sqdn or Bn)

Voluntary Separation of Soldiers denied Reenlistment
Declination of Continued Service Statement

LEAST Favorable Type of Discharge: Honorable
Approval Authority: SCMCA (Sqdn or Bn)

Failure to Meet Body Fat Standards

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)