

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

JUN 12 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-01584

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: YES

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His aviation service code (ASC) be changed from "05" (Disqualification-- failure of nonrated aircrew member to attain aircrew qualification) to "9D" (Active-nonrated aircrew member).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The reason for his failed attempt to upgrade to First Engineer on C-141B aircraft can be attributed to many things: immaturity, self-imposed pressure, and marital problems resulting in divorce. Since those now resolved traumatic events, he has developed professionally and personally by leaps and bounds. Upon departure from the flying career field he returned to aircraft maintenance at ██████████ B. While there, he immediately enrolled in college courses to strengthen his learning abilities. He then achieved his Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Sciences, graduating Summa Cum Laude from Troy State University. He is halfway through his Masters Degree requirements in International Relations. In 1996, he was named Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year for the ██████████ Maintenance Squadron of the ██████████ Fighter Wing. He was also promoted to technical sergeant. He believes he has corrected, permanently, any shortcomings related to his flying disqualification. He now possesses the competency and resources to succeed in the C-130 Flight Engineer career field. He is absolutely certain he can be a reliable and worthy asset to the C-130 community. His enthusiasm and commitment to this opportunity are unparalleled.

Applicant's complete submission is attached at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the Regular Air Force in the grade of technical sergeant.

On 9 March 1992, a Flying Evaluation Board (FEB) recommended applicant be suspended from flying activities and that no further training be considered due to a history of substandard performance and remission.

On 26 March 1992, the Military Airlift Squadron Commander requested applicant be disqualified from aviation service for failure to maintain aircrew qualification in the C-141B, 11370C, Flight Engineer career field. The commander recommended that applicant be assigned ASC "05" (Disqualification - failure of nonrated aircrew member to attain aircrew qualification) and be prohibited from wearing the aircrew member badge.

On 17 April 1992 applicant was involuntary disqualified from aviation service. His Air Force specialty (AFSC) 113X0C, Flight Engineer Specialist, was withdrawn and his secondary AFSC 45430A, Technical Order Distribution Office Monitor, was designated as his primary AFSC.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, Operational Training Division, DCS, Air and Space Operations, HQ USAF/XOOT, reviewed this application and states that applicant's ASC cannot be changed from disqualified to active flying, as he is requesting. The findings of the FEB held in March 1992 sufficiently justify applicant's disqualification. Additionally, documentation provided to them from his initial failure for upgrade to First Engineer was also sufficient to disqualify him from training. Applicant may still apply for his ASC to be changed from 05 to 00 in the future to seek retraining into other aircrew specialties. However, he will not be allowed to apply for reentry into the Flight Engineer career field (his Aeronautical Orders and Master Personnel Records will be so annotated) based on the previous disqualification. They recommend denial of applicant's request.

A complete copy of the evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 17 November 1997, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and response within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. After thoroughly reviewing the evidence of record and applicant's contentions, we believe the applicant has resolved the circumstances that disqualified him from enlisted flying duty. The Board notes that the applicant was having a particularly difficult time during the period prior to his disqualification from aviation service. His immaturity, self-imposed pressure, and marital problems seem to have contributed to his situation at that time and it appears the applicant has overcome these obstacles. The Board notes that since his disqualification in 1992 from aviation service, applicant has completed a Bachelor of Science Degree, is working towards a Masters Degree in International Relations, was named NCO of the Year and was promoted to the grade of technical sergeant. Therefore, the Board believes applicant's ASC should be changed to "9D" (Active-nonrated aircrew member) rather than "05" (Disqualification - failure of nonrated aircrew member to attain aircrew qualification) and he should be given the opportunity to apply for reentry into the flight engineer career field. Whether or not he is successful will depend on the needs of the service and our recommendation in no way guarantees that he will be allowed to reenter the flight engineer career field. Therefore, the Board recommends that applicant's record be corrected to the extent indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

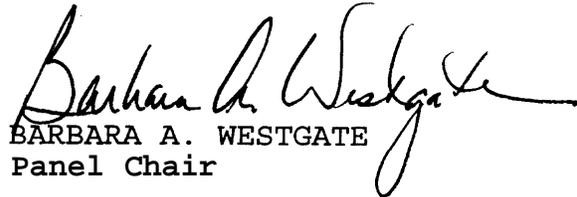
The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that his aviation service code is 9D (Active-nonrated aircrew member) rather than 05 (Disqualification - failure of nonrated aircrew member to attain aircrew qualification).

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 28 April 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mrs. Barbara A. Westgate, Panel Chair
Ms. Rita S. Looney, Member
Ms. Dorothy P. Loeb, Member

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 20 May 97, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, HQ USAF/XOOT, dated 20 Oct 97, w/atchs.
- Exhibit D. Letters, AFBCMR, dated 10 Nov 97 and 17 Nov 97.


BARBARA A. WESTGATE
Panel Chair



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records and under the authority of Section **1552**, Title **10**, United States Code (70A Stat **116**), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED], be corrected to show that his aviation service code is 9D (Active-nonrated aircrew member) rather than 05 (Disqualification - failure of nonrated aircrew member to attain aircrew qualification).


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