

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-01815

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COUNSEL: NONE

SEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his 11 April 1994 discharge by reason of physical disqualification be changed to retirement (placed in the Retired Reserves). Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The facts surrounding applicant's separation from the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve are unknown inasmuch as the discharge correspondence is not available. Attempts to locate the applicant's discharge correspondence and service medical records through his former unit, state headquarters, the National Guard Bureau, the Air Reserve Personnel Center, the local and National Department of Veterans Affairs offices, and the applicant have been unsuccessful.

The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. Based upon the presumption of regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs and without evidence to the contrary, we must assume that the applicant's discharge was proper and in compliance with appropriate directives. Therefore, we find no basis upon which to favorably consider this application.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of its decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board, Mr. Michael P. Higgins, Mr. Steven A. Shaw, and Ms. Ann L. Heidig, considered this application on 6 October 1958 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C.1552.



MICHAEL P. HIGGINS
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion
- E. Applicant's Response
- F. AFBCMR Ltr to Applicant, dtd 5 May 98