

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

SEP 24 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:



DOCKET NUMBER: 97-02661

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: YES

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code of "2Q" be changed to an eligible reenlistment code.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He will receive a Bachelor of Science in nursing (BSN) this May 1998, and he would like to be eligible to enter the services. He states that he is mentally able and physically able to perform all duties as a Registered Nurse (RN) in the military.

Applicant's complete submission is attached at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 25 January 1991 for a period of four years.

Applicant was found unfit for further military service and discharged with severance pay with a ten percent compensable disability rating after serving two years and twenty-eight days on active duty. He received \$4,004.40 in disability severance pay.

A Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) was conducted on 1 October 1992 at [REDACTED] Air Force Base for a diagnosis of contact dermatitis secondary to allergy to JP-4 aircraft fuels. The medical data was referred to the Informal Physical Evaluation Board (IPEB) for evaluation and the member was found unfit for continued military service. The IPEB recommended he be discharged with severance pay with a 10 percent disability rating. They state that on 25 January 1993, the applicant concurred with the recommendations of the IPEB and on 1 February 1993 officials within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force directed his discharge with

severance pay. Applicant was discharged effective 22 February 1993.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, Physical Disability Division, AFPC/DPPD, reviewed this application and states that a thorough review of the case file revealed no errors or irregularities in the processing of the applicant's case within the disability evaluation system. They further state that the applicant was appropriately found unfit for continued military service and properly rated under federal disability rating guidelines. He was also afforded all rights to which he was entitled under disability law and departmental policy. His separation code, JFL, under the provisions of AFR 35-4, Disability Entitled to Severance Pay, indicates he was separated by reason of physical disability and entitled to disability severance pay. This code was correct at the time of his discharge. Furthermore, they defer to the correct OPR as to the appropriateness of a waiver of entry standards to allow his reenlistment in the armed forces.

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

The Chief Medical Consultant, AFBCMR, reviewed this application and states that while there can be no change in the reason for the applicant's separation, it would seem appropriate to consider a change in his reenlistment eligibility code to accommodate his desire to return to the military, with waiver if he is otherwise qualified for commissioning. They state, nursing duties, obviously, would not place him in close contact with his jet fuel allergen, and there is little likelihood of him having further difficulties as previously experienced. They are, therefore, of the opinion that the RE code on the applicant's DD Form 214 be changed to 3K by authority of the AFBCMR to allow consideration of applicant's return to military service if he is otherwise found suitable for such duty.

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

Chief, Skills Management Branch, AFPC/DPPAE, reviewed this application and states that they determined the RE code is correct since it was driven by the reason for discharge. However, in view of the medical consultant's comments, they defer to the Board to decide whether the applicant's case warrants relief. They state that if the Board changes the applicant's RE code to 3K, he will be able to apply for a waiver entry into a military commissioning program, provided all other conditions for the program are met.

A copy of the evaluation is attached at Exhibit E.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to applicant on 20 April 1998 for review and response within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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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 warranting a change in the applicant's RE code. In accordance with applicable regulations, the RE code was appropriate to the existing circumstances. However, we note applicant's post-service activities and accomplishments. He states that he will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing in May 1998. In view of his post-service accomplishments, we believe he should be afforded the opportunity to apply for a waiver to enlist in the armed services. 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 return to the Air Force or any branch of the service. Therefore, we recommend that applicant's record be corrected to reflect an RE code of "3K" (Reserved for use by HQ AFPC or the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) when no other reenlistment eligibility code applies or is appropriate).
4. The applicant's case is adequately documented and it has not been shown that a personal appearance with or without counsel will materially add to our understanding of the issue(s) involved. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

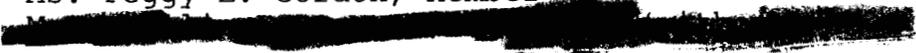
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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that at the time of his discharge on 22 February 1993, he was issued a Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code of "3K."

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 6 August 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mr. Charles E. Bennett, Panel Chair  
Mr. Loren S. Perlstein, Member  
Ms. Peggy E. Gordon, Member



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

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 31 Aug 97.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPPD, dated 25 Sep 97.
- Exhibit D. Memo, BCMA Medical Consultant, dated 10 Feb 98.
- Exhibit E. Letter, AFPC/DPPAE, dated 27 Mar 98.
- Exhibit F. Letter, AFBCMR, dated 20 Apr 98.

  
CHARLES E. BENNETT  
Panel Chair



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

27 MAR 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: **HQ AFPC/DPPAE**  
550 C Street West Ste 10  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4712

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Record [REDACTED]

The applicant requests his Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code changed to a favorable code to permit future entry into the military as a registered nurse. The applicant was involuntarily discharged on **22 Feb 93** with **an** honorable characterization for physical disability. He received an RE code of **"2Q: Personnel retired or discharged under AFR 35-4."**

In reviewing applicant's military personnel record, we determined the RE code is correct since it was driven by the reason for discharge. However, the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) Medical Consultant recommends changing the RE code to **"3K: Reserved for use by HQ AFPC or the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) when no other reenlistment eligibility code applies or is appropriate."**

We defer to the Board to decide whether applicant's case warrants relief. If the Board changes applicant's RE code to **"3K,"** he will be able to apply for a waiver entry into a military commissioning program, provided all other conditions for the program are met.

  
C. RAMLOGAN, CMSgt, USAF  
Chief, Skills Management Branch  
Dir of Personnel Program Management

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

25 Sep 97

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: AFPC/DPPD  
550 C Street West Ste 06  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4708

SUBJECT Application for Correction of Military Records [REDACTED]

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Applicant requests his reentry code be changed to allow him to reenter the armed forces.

**FACTS:** Applicant was found unfit for further military service and discharged with severance pay with a ten percent compensable disability rating after serving two years and twenty-eight days on active duty. Member received \$4,004.40 in disability severance pay.

**DISCUSSION:** A Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) was conducted on 1 Oct 92 at Holloman Air Force Base for a diagnosis of "contact dermatitis secondary to allergy to JP-4 aircraft fuels." The medical data was referred to the Informal Physical Evaluation Board (IPEB) for evaluation and the member was found unfit for continued military service. The IPEB recommended he be discharged with severance pay with a 10 percent disability rating. On 25 Jan 93 the applicant concurred with the recommendations of the IPEB and on 1 Feb 93 officials within the Office of the Secretary of the Air Force directed his discharge with severance pay. Applicant was discharged effective 22 Feb 93.

A thorough review of the case file revealed no errors or irregularities in the processing of the applicant's case within the disability evaluation system. He was appropriately found unfit for continued military service and properly rated under federal disability rating guidelines. The member was afforded all rights to which he was entitled under disability law and departmental policy.

**CONCLUSION:** We defer to the appropriate OPR regarding the applicant's request to change his reentry code. The applicant's separation code "JFL" indicates he was separated by

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reason of physical disability and entitled to disability severance pay. This code was correct at the time of his discharge. Further, we defer to the correct OPR as to the appropriateness of a waiver of entry standards to allow his reenlistment in the armed forces.



STEPHEN J. CRMIOLA, Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Physical Disability Division  
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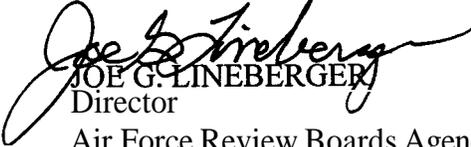
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AFBCMR 97-02661

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 at the time of his discharge on 22 February 1993, he was issued a Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code of "3K."

  
JOE G. LINEBERGER  
Director  
Air Force Review Boards Agency

10 February 1998  
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: BCMR Medical Consultant  
1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3rd Floor  
Andrews AFB MD 20762-7002

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records

Applicant's entire case file has been reviewed and is forwarded with the following findings, conclusions and recommendations.

REQUESTED ACTION: Applicant was separated with severance pay and 10 percent disability rating for contact dermatitis related to his work with jet fuels on 22 Feb 93 after serving 2 years and 28 days on active duty. He applies now requesting a change in his reenlistment code that would allow him to reenter the military upon completion of his nursing studies.

FACTS: The case is thoroughly reviewed by AFPC/DPPD and needs no further comments regarding his prior separation other than to say that the applicant had turned down the possibility of cross-training to a different field when his allergy to fuels was identified. Since his separation, the applicant has successfully completed all but the remaining few months of a nursing degree program, and now would like to be considered for possible return to active duty when he graduates in May 1998.

DISCUSSION: While there can be no change in the reason for his separation, it would seem appropriate to consider a change in his RE Code to accommodate his desire to return to the military, with waiver if he is otherwise qualified for commissioning. Nursing duties, obviously, would not place him in close contact with his jet fuel allergen, and there is little likelihood of him having further difficulties as previously experienced.

RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that the RE Code on the applicant's DD Form 214 be changed to 3K by authority of the AFBCMR to allow consideration of applicant's return to military service if he is otherwise found suitable for such duty.

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FREDERICK W. HORNICK, Col., USAF, MC, FS  
Chief Medical Consultant, AFBCMR  
Medical Advisor SAF Personnel Council



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