

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00666

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code be changed. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

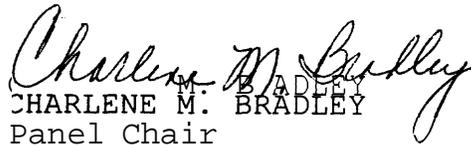
The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinions appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this 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, Ms. Charlene M. Bradley, Mr. Joseph G. Diamond, and Mr. Terry A. Yonkers considered this application on 10 November 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.


CHARLENE M. BRADLEY
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinions

July 29, 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
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Applicant's entire case file has been reviewed and is forwarded with the following findings, conclusions and recommendations.

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant was separated with 10% disability severance pay on 17 Jun 96 for Major Depressive Disorder, VASRD Code 9405, after serving 1 year, 8 months, 26 days on active duty. He applies now to change his reenlistment code from "2Q" to one that will allow reentry to the military if and when he might choose.

FACTS: The applicant was hospitalized with suicidal ideation from 30 January to 5 February 1996 following the departure of his wife and daughter and threatened divorce which resulted in his major depressive episode. Danger to self diminished during the hospitalization, and, because of the effect of his depression on his ability to perform his duties, he was presented to a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) on 13 Feb 96 with referral to the Informal Physical Evaluation Board on 26 Mar 96 where his separation was recommended and with which he concurred. Because he was processed through the disability evaluation system, his reenlistment code was appropriately designated as "2Q." He argues now that, because he has been successfully treated for this episode of depression his potential reentry should not be blocked by his code.

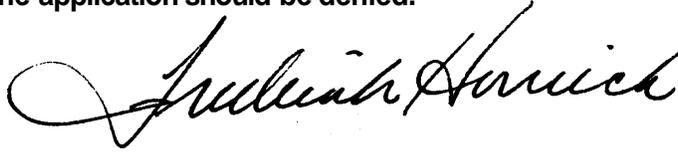
DISCUSSION: Besides the episode of major depression, the applicant was diagnosed with alcohol abuse, noting he received an Article 15 for underage drinking while at Technical School and his report, on admission to the hospital, of drinking 12 beers every weekend. This alcohol abuse was coded on his discharge narrative summary as an Axis I diagnosis, and he was recommended to be command-directed to participate in Track II, alcohol education and awareness program, while awaiting MEB action. This history, in and of itself, would be disqualifying for enlistment IAWAFI 48-123, Attachment 3, paragraph A3.25, as it had resulted in his non-judicial punishment for misconduct in Tech School.

A history of a major mood disorder (e.g., major depression) is disqualifying if an episode required maintenance treatment or hospitalization IAWAFI 48-123, para. 3.21.

Clearly, both of these diagnosed Axis I problems are disqualifying for the applicant to reenter the military, and his request for a change that would allow such future duty is not favorably considered.

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RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that no change in the records is warranted and the application should be denied.



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Record - [REDACTED]

We conducted a review of applicant's case file. The Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) Code "2Q" is correct. The type of discharge drove assignment of the RE code.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen R. Lopez".

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Dir of Personnel Program Management

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