



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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AFBCMR 98-00929

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code, Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that on 4 February 1998, he was separated under the provisions of AFI 48-123, paragraph A3.2.1 (Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards, Major Depressive Disorder) and issued a Separation Program Designator (SPD) code of "JFW."

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RAYMOND H. WELLER  
Chief Examiner  
Air Force Board for Correction  
of Military Records



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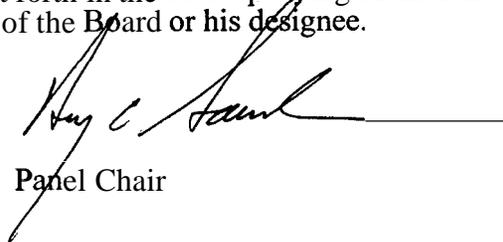
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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director of the Board or his designee.

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Panel Chair

Attachments:

1. Ltr, BCOMR Medical Consultant, dtd 4 Jun 98
2. Ltr, AFPC/DPPRS, dtd 16 Jul 98

4 June 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  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant received an entry level separation on 4 February 1998 after just 14 days in basic training. He applies now to change the reason for discharge "from personality disorder" to depression.

FACTS: Three days into basic training, on 24 January 1998, the applicant was evaluated in the inpatient psychiatry ward with a resulting diagnosis of "Major Depressive Disorder DSM-IV Code 296.2." Details of the evaluation are missing from the records, but it was determined that the condition had existed prior to enlistment. He was recommended for involuntary separation under provisions of AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.1, Mental Disorders. Because he had less than 6 months on active duty, an entry level separation was initiated and the EPTS nature of the problem precluded consideration in the disability evaluation system.

DISCUSSION: The current AFI regulating separations for mental health problems does not allow coding for other than "Personality Disorder," an entirely different DSM-IV code sequence from what the applicant was diagnosed with. However, the timing of the applicant's separation within 6 months of entry requires an uncharacterized entry level separation which applies regardless of the reason for separation.

RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that, in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request for change of reason for discharge be granted. Item 28 of the DD Form 214 should be changed to read: Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards, Major Depressive Disorder, EPTE, IAW AFI 48-123, attachment 3, paragraph A3.21, with corresponding SPD of JFW. The reentry code should remain unchanged as it reflects the mandatory uncharacterized entry level separation for less than 6 months of service.

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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

JUL 16 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS  
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records [REDACTED]

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman, was separated from the Air Force 04 Feb 98 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Entry level Separation/Personality Disorder) with an uncharacterized discharge. He served 14 days total active service.!

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting his reason for separation be changed from personality disorder to depression. The advisory provided by the **AFBCMR** Medical Consultant, 04 Jun 98 gives information concerning applicant's medical condition at the time of his separation. The AFBCMR Medical Consultant also recommends applicant's narrative reason for separation be change since his medical condition was not a personality disorder.

Facts. Applicant was notified by his commander on 02 Feb 98 that involuntary separation action was being recommended against him because he had been diagnosed as having a condition that interfered with military service, mental disorder. The commander advised he had a right to consult legal counsel and the right to submit statements in his own behalf. Applicant waived his right to consulted counsel and to submit a statement in his own behalf. On 03 Feb 98, the discharge authority approved the recommendation for an entry level separation for personality disorder.

Recommendation. We concur with the AFBCMR Medical Consultant's recommendation that his narrative reason for separation should be changed to "Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards" with a SPD of "JFW." We also concur with the recommendation of no change in applicant's reentry code or characterization of service since he did not complete 180 days continuous active service. He has filed a timely request.

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Military Personnel Mgmt Spec  
Separations Branch  
Directorate of Personnel Program Management

cc: SAF/MIBR