

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged on 19 November 2012 in accordance with AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen* with an Entry Level Separation for Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his reenlistment eligibility code.

The applicant was not represented by counsel.

The applicant appeared and testified before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), without counsel, via video teleconference using Zoom on 18 April 2023. No witnesses were present to testify on the applicant's behalf.

The attached examiner's brief (provided to applicant only), extracted from available service records, contains pertinent data regarding the circumstances and character of the applicant's military service.

DISCUSSION: The Discharge Review Board (DRB), under its responsibility to examine the propriety and equity of an applicant's discharge, is authorized to change the characterization of service and the narrative reason for discharge if such changes are warranted. If applicable, the board can also change the applicant's reenlistment eligibility code. In reviewing discharges, the board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence to rebut the presumption, to include evidence submitted by the applicant. The Board completed a thorough review of the circumstances that led to the discharge and the discharge process to determine if the discharge met the pertinent standards of equity and propriety.

The applicant contended that there's nothing that should prevent him from doing what is required in the Air Force. He wants to be able to serve his country as he knows he'll be a great asset. In his personal statement, he explained that he was diagnosed with discoid lupus and was subsequently discharged. The applicant claimed that he was told he could reenlist if he can prove that he's able to complete military duties. He stated that he has seen a rheumatologist and a primary care physician who indicated that no medication was needed.

After careful consideration of the evidence provided by the applicant and an advisory from a medical specialist, the DRB determined that the applicant's reentry code was improper. Therefore, it concluded that an upgrade is warranted in this case.

FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to *approve* the applicant's request to upgrade his reenlistment eligibility code to "3K." The Board did not change discharge characterization or the narrative reason.

CONCLUSION: After a thorough review of the available evidence, to include the Applicant's issues, summary of service, service/medical record entries, and discharge process, the Board found the discharge was improper. Therefore, the awarded characterization of service shall remain "Entry Level Separation," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards," and the reentry code shall change to "3K." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the board president on 18 April 2023. If desired, the applicant can request a list of the board members and their votes by writing to:

Air Force Review Boards Agency
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Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)