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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2024-02141

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COUNSEL:

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HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her "Uncharacterized" Entry Level Separation (ELS) be upgraded to honorable.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

She is requesting an honorable discharge due to her asthma, which was exacerbated by the hot and humid weather at Work-Product AFB, causing exercise-induced bronchoconstriction (EIB), which ultimately prevented her from continuing basic military training (BMT). It has been many years, and she was not aware of the additional support and services veterans receive until she was applying for her associate clinical work (ASW). This change would allow her to receive benefits such as education and homebuying opportunities from the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).

In support of her request for a discharge upgrade, the applicant provides a personal statement detailing the circumstances of the discharge, her post-service life, and requested the upgrade so she may attend law school. She also provided numerous post service certificates of achievement.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman basic (E-1).

On 11 Jul 89, the applicant's commander recommended the applicant be discharged from the Air Force, under the provisions of AFR 39-10, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, paragraph 5-14 for an erroneous enlistment. The specific reason for the action was, on 7 Jul 89, an AF Form 618, *Medical Board Report*, indicates a medical board determined she did not meet medical standards to enlist because she had probable exercise induced asthma, seasonal allergic rhinitis, and probable mild atopic dermatitis.

On 17 Jul 89, the discharge authority directed the applicant be discharged for failure to meet physical standards for enlistment, with an ELS.

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On 18 Jul 89, the applicant received an ELS. Her narrative reason for separation is “Failed to Meet Physical Standards for Enlistment” and she was credited with one month and three days of total active service.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant’s record at Exhibit B.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFR 39-10, describes the authorized service characterizations applicable at the time of the applicant’s separation.

Entry Level Separation. Airmen are in entry level status during the first 180 days of continuous active military service or the first 180 days of continuous active military service after a break of more than 92 days of active service. Determine the member's status by the date of notification; thus, if the member is in entry level status when initiating the separation action, describe it as an entry level separation unless:

- A service characterization of under other than honorable conditions is authorized under the reason for discharge and is warranted by the circumstances of the case; or
- The Secretary of the Air Force (SAF) determines, on a case-by-case basis, that characterization as honorable is clearly warranted by unusual circumstances of personal conduct and performance of military duty.

Honorable. The quality of the airman’s service generally has met Department of the Air Force standards of acceptable conduct and performance of duty or when a member's service is otherwise so meritorious that any other characterization would be inappropriate.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board also notes the applicant did not file the application within three years of discovering the alleged error or injustice, as required by Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code, and Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*.

2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.

3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. Airmen are given an entry level separation with uncharacterized service when separation action is initiated within 180 days, which happened in the applicant's case; therefore, the type of separation and character of service are correct as indicated on her DD Form 214. The Secretary of the Air Force (SAF) can determine honorable service is warranted if unusual circumstances of personal conduct and performance of military duty is present; however, the Board finds no

evidence to suggest such. Furthermore, the applicant provided no evidence, nor does the Board find evidence to support her contention her asthma which was found to have existed prior to service, was service aggravated. She was properly processed by the MEB which found she did not meet medical procurement standards. The applicant was in the service for less than one month when this determination was made. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records for this request.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in DAFI 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2024-02141 in Executive Session on 11 Jul 25:

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, Panel Member

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, Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 11 Jun 24.

Exhibit B: Documentary Evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: USAF

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