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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01046

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect "Force Reduction," Block 28, as the Narrative Reason for Separation.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His narrative reason for separation on his DD Form 214, "Miscellaneous/General Reasons," should be "Force Reduction." He cannot receive a Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) backed loan because of the narrative reason on his DD Form 214.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman first class (E-3).

On 25 Sep 02, DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, indicates the applicant enlisted in the Air Force Reserve for four years under the Delayed Entry/Enlistment Program (DEP). He was discharged from the DEP and enlisted in the Regular Air Force 14 Jan 03 for a period of four years.

On 15 Oct 04, according to the DD Form 214 the applicant was honorably discharged from the Air Force with a narrative reason for separation of "Miscellaneous/General Reasons" and a separation code of "MND" which denotes "Service member initiated release/transfer to another Service when a Service component does not have a Service reporting requirement for specific reasons and desires to identify reasons collectively "All other reasons" which qualify a member for separation."

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSR recommends denying the application, based on a review of the applicant's request and the master of personnel record. The Air Force introduced several programs to meet established

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Department of Defense guidelines to meet end strength quotas. The Limited Active-Duty Service Commitment (LADSC) Waiver Program allowed service members to request to voluntarily separate early prior to completing their required ADSC. Service members who submitted voluntary separation applications were instructed to submit their application using the “Miscellaneous/General” provision of AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, paragraph 3.15. Based on the presumption of regularity, the applicant requested to separate early and was approved. Service members who did not voluntarily separate subsequently met the Force Shaping Board and were involuntarily separated, thus, were the only personnel given the narrative reason for separation as “Reduction in Force.” There is no evidence in the applicant’s record he was selected by the Force Shaping Board for involuntary discharge nor did the applicant provide any such documentation that he was considered or selected for Reduction in Force.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT’S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 20 Jun 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed.
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. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DPMSSR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s contentions. In order for the applicant to be eligible for a “Force Shaping” narrative reason for discharge, he had to have met the Force Shaping Board and be non-selected for retention with an involuntary discharge. The Board finds no evidence of such as the applicant’s discharge was voluntary. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant’s records. 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)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; 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-2023-01046 in Executive Session on 18 Jan 24:

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Panel Chair
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Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 5 Apr 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, dated 10 May 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Jun 23.

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