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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

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### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-02763

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

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### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her narrative reason for separation be changed to "parenthood."

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) requested it be changed for veterans benefits per policy. The reason for the delay in applying is she did not know much about the DVA until now and she is trying to utilize what benefits are available.

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 1 Jan 16, the DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, indicates the applicant received an honorable discharge. Her narrative reason for separation is "Pregnancy or Childbirth" and she was credited with six months and three days of total active service.

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

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSSR recommends denying the application, finding no error or injustice with the discharge process. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) determines the separation program designator (SPD) codes the services will use for military personnel who separate from active duty under the provisions governed in each services' instruction. In accordance with AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, service members who request to separate for pregnancy whether it is pre-delivery or post-delivery, will separate under the provision of "Pregnancy/Childbirth." Additionally, in accordance with OSD, the SPD code and corresponding

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narrative reason for service members separating under this provision will be “MDF,” which denotes, “Pregnancy Childbirth”. Furthermore, there is no SPD code or narrative reason for separation indicating parenthood in the archive of appropriate SPD codes and narrative reasons authorized by OSD. As a result, the SPD code and narrative reason listed on the applicant’s DD Form 214 is correct. The applicant will need to address any DVA matters directly with them since their policy is separate from Air Force policy.

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 9 Oct 24 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

## **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. 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. The applicant was separated with the appropriate narrative reason per OSD policy and the governing AFI. Whether prior to or post-birth, the narrative reason will be “Pregnancy/Childbirth.” Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant’s records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board’s understanding of the issues involved.

## **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 Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-02763 in Executive Session on 11 Jul 25:

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 24 Aug 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, w/atchs, dated 13 Feb 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 9 Oct 24.

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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