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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2024-01528

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

The narrative reason on her DD Form 214 *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* be changed from "Voluntary Miscellaneous Reasons" to "Hardship Reason."

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

The applicant had requested and been denied a Palace Chase humanitarian reassignment due to two family events -- the disappearance of her brother and a significant medical crisis for her father. She intended to be relocated nearer to home to assist with her father's 24/7 care. In her haste to get home she did not look at the details of her DD Form 214 until just before she applied to the BCMR.

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 19 Oct 83, according to documentation submitted by the applicant, she requested humanitarian reassignment to Los Angeles Air Force Station.

On 15 Nov 83 and 5 Dec 83, HQ AFMPC relayed that the applicant's request for a humanitarian reassignment was denied.

On 28 Nov 83, according to documentation submitted by the applicant, she wrote the wing commander requesting a humanitarian transfer or separation.

On 7 Dec 83, the applicant requested separation as soon as possible citing AFR 39-10, Ch 3, Sec C, para 3-15 and, on the same date, her Installation Staff Chaplain endorsed the "Request for Miscellaneous Discharge" as in the best interest of the Air Force and the member.

On 9 Dec 83, the 47th Consolidated Base Personnel Office forwarded a request for separation as soon as possible in accordance with AFR 39-10, para 3-15.

On 3 Jan 84, the 47th Air Base Group Headquarters Squadron Section Commander forwarded his recommendation to separate the applicant.

On 16 Jan 84, she was not recommended for reenlistment as part of a Palace Chase application.

On 23 Jan 84, the Director of Personnel recommended approval of discharge for miscellaneous reasons as soon as possible.

On 17 Feb 84, according to her DD Form 214, she received an Honorable discharge under Separation Authority AFR 39-10 with the Narrative Reason given as Voluntary – Miscellaneous Reasons. She was credited with 1 year, 3 months and 6 days of active duty service.

For more information, see the applicant's submissions at Exhibit A and excerpts of the applicant's record at Exhibit B.

### **APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

Per AFR 39-10, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, dated 1 Oct 1984, paragraph 3-19 states Airmen may request discharge when genuine dependency or undue hardship exists. The basis for discharge may exist when: (1) the dependency or hardship is not temporary; (2) conditions have arisen or have been aggravated to an excessive degree since the airman entered active duty; (3) the airman has made every reasonable effort to remedy the situation; (4) separation will eliminate or materially alleviate the conditions; and (5) there are no means of alleviation readily available other than the separation. Undue hardship or dependency does not necessarily exist because of altered present or expected income or the family is separated or must suffer the inconveniences usually incident to military service.

### **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DPMSSR recommends denying the application noting the applicant submitted and had approved by both the applicant's commander and the Director of Personnel, separation application documents recommending approval specifically under the Miscellaneous provision of AFR 39-10, paragraph 3-15. Furthermore, hardship separations fall under a different paragraph of AFR 39-10 and this was not identified on the separation documents in the applicant's Master Personnel Record personnel record.

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 7 May 25 for comment (Exhibit D) but received no response.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board notes the applicant did not file the application within three years of 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 other available administrative remedies 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 requested discharge under the Miscellaneous provision of AFR 39-10, chapter 3, section C, paragraph 3-15. This request was subsequently approved by both the applicant's commander and the Director of Personnel. The Board finds it unlikely the applicant would have qualified for a hardship discharge based on the evidence presented and under the provisions of AFR 39-10, paragraph 3-19. As such, there is no evidence of an error or injustice with the discharge processing and the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant that 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-2024-01528 in Executive Session on 31 Jul 25:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair  
[REDACTED], Panel Member  
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 20 Mar 2024.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, dated 14 Apr 25.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 7 May 25.

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