



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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-01915

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His "Not Applicable" Entry Level Separation (ELS) be upgraded to general (under honorable conditions).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was told his discharge would revert to general (under honorable conditions) once he returned home.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 9 Oct 85, 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 was due to the Medical Board Report, dated 4 Oct 85, which found his stress related left elbow pain secondary to recurrent subluxation of left ulnar nerve was determined to have existed prior to service (EPTS) without permanent service aggravation and was a disqualifying physical condition that did not meet minimum Air Force enlistment or retention standards.

On 10 Oct 85, the discharge authority directed the applicant be separated with an ELS for an erroneous enlistment.

On 11 Oct 85, the applicant received a "Not Applicable" ELS. His narrative reason for separation is "Failed to Meet Physical Standards for Enlistment" and he was credited with one month and seven days of total active service.

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Work-Product

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFR 39-10 dated 1 Oct 84, describes the authorized service characterizations that were applicable at the time of the applicant's separation.

Honorable. The quality of the airman's service generally has met 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.

Under Honorable Conditions (General). If an airman's service has been honest and faithful, this characterization is warranted when significant negative aspects of the airman's conduct or performance of duty outweigh positive aspects of the airman's military record.

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 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.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP2SSR recommends denying the application finding no evidence of an error or injustice with the discharge process. Airmen are in entry level status during the first 180 days of continuous active military service. The Department of Defense (DoD) determined if a member served less than 180 days continuous active service, it would be unfair to the member and the service to characterize their limited service.

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 1 Aug 24 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The AFBCMR Medical Advisor recommends denying the application finding insufficient medical evidence to support the applicant's implied contention his EPTS medical condition may have impacted the characterization of his military service. There is no error or injustice identified with his discharge from a medical perspective. The applicant petitioned for a change to the characterization of his brief Air Force service, and not for a medical separation or retirement instead of the ELS. Therefore, the only relevant medical issue in this case pertains to whether his character of service, listed as "Not Applicable," was somehow impacted by his undisputed EPTS condition, i.e. left elbow pain secondary to recurrent subluxation of the ulnar nerve. There is absolutely no evidence either presented by the applicant or found in any of the additionally reviewed documents, to suggest such a mitigating factor was present. On the contrary, all available evidence indicated he was appropriately discharged as an ELS due to an EPTS medical problem. Furthermore, this EPTS, not service-aggravated, condition which curtailed his training and led to his discharge would not have made him eligible for a medical separation or retirement, even though this was not a question explicitly posed in the applicant's petition.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 11 Mar 25 for comment (Exhibit F) 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 finds no evidence of an error with the applicant's discharge. Airmen are given entry level separation with uncharacterized service when they fail to complete a minimum of 180 days of continuous active military service and the applicant only served one month and seven days of active service, therefore, the type of separation and character of service are correct as indicated on his DD Form 214. Furthermore, the Board concurs with the rationale and recommendations of the AFBCMR Medical Advisor and AFPC/DP2SSR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board reviewed the applicant's evidence he submitted to support his claim, a letter from his civilian healthcare provider, outlining a list of all of his complex medical problems he has been treated for over the years. However, the Board finds this letter is not relevant to the issue which precipitated

his discharge. He had a preexisting medical condition without service-aggravation which led to his discharge. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

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-2024-01915 in Executive Session 16 Apr 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 6 May 24.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Master Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP2SSR, sent 1 Aug 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 1 Aug 24.
- Exhibit E: Advisory Opinion, AFBCMR Medical Advisor, dated 11 Mar 25.
- Exhibit F: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 11 Mar 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.

4/30/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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