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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2019-00211 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 16 Aug 18 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with an Entry Level Discharge for Failed Medical/Physical, Procurement Standards. The applicant appealed for a change to the discharge narrative reason, and a change to the reenlistment eligibility code. The board was conducted on 10 Sep 19.  The applicant was offered a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), but declined and requested the board be completed based on a records only review. The applicant was not represented by counsel.  The attached examiner’s brief (provided to applicant only), extracted from available service records, contains pertinent data regarding the circumstances and character of the applicant’s military service.    FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to deny the applicant’s request to change the discharge narrative reason to Secretarial Authority. However, the DRB voted 4 to 1 and to change the reenlistment eligibility code to 3K.  DISCUSSION: The DRB, under its responsibility to examine the propriety and equity of an applicant’s discharge, is authorized to change the characterization of service and the narrative reason for discharge if such changes are warranted. If applicable, the board can also change the applicant’s reenlistment eligibility code. In reviewing discharges, the board presumes regularity in the conduct of governmental affairs unless there is substantial credible evidence to rebut the presumption, to include evidence submitted by the applicant. The board completed a thorough review of the circumstances that led to the discharge and the discharge process to determine if the discharge met the pertinent standards of equity and propriety.  The applicant’s record of service did not include any disciplinary actions.  The applicant contended the discharge was improper because she had no previous history of hyperthyroidism. The applicant sought a second opinion soon after the discharge, and provided the results that do not present hyperthyroidism. The applicant believes that she was experiencing the symptoms of a separate virus that was spreading through the base. The applicant is requesting the change in order to return to military service.  The DRB reviewed the applicant’s entire record and found that the results of testing at the time of discharge were consistent with hyperthyroidism. The Board considered the evidence of the thyroid testing conducted shortly after the discharge and determined the diagnosis could have been based on a temporary conditions found at Basic Military Training. The board concluded that relief is warranted in the form of changing the reenlistment code to permit to reenter the enlistment process.  CONCLUSION: The board found neither the evidence of record, nor that provided by the applicant substantiated an impropriety. However, sufficient evidence existed to convince the board the discharge was inequitable. Therefore, the board determined the reenlistment eligibility code was changed to “3K.”  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 20 Sep 19. If desired, the applicant can request a list of the board members and their votes by writing to:  Air Force Review Boards Agency  Attn: Discharge Review Board  1500 West Perimeter road, Suite 3700  Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602  Attachment: Examiner's Brief | |