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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2019-00523 |
| The applicant was discharged on 13 Jun 2008 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a General for Fraudulent Entry into Military Service. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his discharge characterization to Honorable. The board was conducted on 25 Feb 2020.  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/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 determined an administrative error occurred on the applicant’s DD 214, and that he was in fact discharged from the Air Force with an Honorable service characterization. The DRB voted unanimously to *deny* changing the discharge narrative reason.  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 procured a fraudulent enlistment through deliberate misrepresentation of prior service drug use. The applicant entered active duty on 12 Dec 2006. On 18 Dec 2007, while attending an Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) program meeting for self-reported underage drinking, he disclosed that he used marijuana daily until 1 Dec 2006. The applicant’s concealment of this prior drug use when completing pre-enlistment paperwork, rendered his enlistment fraudulent. On 8 Jun 2008, the applicant was approved for an administrative discharge with an Honorable service characterization for fraudulent entry. However, his DD 214 erroneously reflected a General service characterization. The applicant was issued an AF 973 reflecting the correction, however an updated DD 214 was not completed. He requested, through the DRB, to have the administrative error corrected, and have a new DD 214 issued. The DRB determined the service characterization on the original DD 214 was in error and directed AFPC correct the error in the applicant’s records and issue a corrected DD 214.  CONCLUSION: The board found sufficient evidence existed to convince the board the discharge characterization was improper. Therefore, the board determined the overall characterization of the applicant’s service should have been reflected by an Honorable. The board did not change the discharge narrative reason or the reenlistment eligibility code. The DRB notified the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) and they administratively corrected the DD 214 to reflect the appropriate discharge characterization.  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 2 Mar 2020. 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  3351 Celmers Lane  Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602  Attachment: Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only) | |