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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2019-00633 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 6 Nov 13 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with an Entry Level Separation for Discharge Failed Medical/Physical Procurement. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his discharge characterization to Honorable, and a change to the reenlistment eligibility code. The board was conducted on 28 Jan 20.  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 upgrade his discharge characterization to Honorable, 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 he received a waiver for migraine headaches prior to enlistment, and the migraines were used to discharge him. The applicant provided the original DD Form 2808 that notes a history of migraine headaches in May 2013, and a letter from his civilian primary care physician, dated August 2018, that states he had migraines as a teenager and has not had a migraine headache since 2012. The applicant is requesting the upgrade in order to return to military service.  The board reviewed the applicant’s entire record and discovered that he began to suffer from migraine headaches during training. The board found on 15 Oct 2013, the applicant requested to leave training while on medical hold due to a series of migraine headaches. In accordance with AFI 36-3208, Airmen are in entry level status during the first 180 days of continuous active military service. If separated during this time, they normally receive an Entry Level Separation that is not characterized. Because it is Air Force policy to not characterize this type of separation, the applicant’s request to “upgrade” it to Honorable could not be approved. The DRB concluded there was no evidence to justify making any changes to the reenlistment eligibility code.  CONCLUSION: The board found insufficient evidence of an inequity or impropriety that would warrant a change to the applicant’s discharge. Therefore, the discharge received by the applicant was deemed to be appropriate and his request was not approved.  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 12 Feb 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) | |