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|  **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT**  | CASE NUMBER FD-2019-00650 |
|  GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 10 May 10 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with an Honorable discharge for Hardship. The applicant appealed for a change to her 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 *approve* the applicant’s request to change her 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 made no contentions that the discharge was inequitable or improper. The applicant states that she separated because she was a single parent of an infant and did not have any support. She insists that she was a model airman who exceeded expectations at the Defense Language Institute by passing the Mandarin Chinese language test 1.5 months early and pregnant. The applicant states that chose to separate due to the difficulty of performing over-night duty without causing a financial hardship. The applicant insists that her circumstance has changed as she is married and shares custody with the biological father of the now 11 year old. The applicant submitted her marriage license and certificate as evidence of her current marital status. The applicant states that she has maintained employment as a contractor for a number of government and Private employers in the intelligence/threat intelligence career field. She is requesting the change in order to return to military service. The DRB reviewed the applicant’s entire record and did not find any disciplinary actions. The board determined family issues regarding child care for her infant affected the applicant’s ability to meet the duty schedule demands of the intelligence career field. The board considered the applicant’s current marital status, and her ability to secure child care. The board concluded relief is warranted based upon consideration of other evidence presented to the DRB. 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 is changed to “3K.” 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 AgencyAttn: Discharge Review Board3351 Celmers LaneJoint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602 Attachment:Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only) |