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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2020-00303 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 27 Jun 2016 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a(n) Entry Level/Uncharacterized discharge for Discharge Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards. 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 19 May 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 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 discharge narrative reason to *Secretarial Authority.*  However, the board voted 3 to 2 to *approve* a change the reenlistment eligibility code to 2C, as it was more appropriate at the time of discharge.  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 contended the discharge was inequitable/improper since the statements regarding his discharge were not made clear as he never wanted to be separated, just that he did not want to be where he was stationed at. He received a statement from a civilian doctor indicating that he has no lower back issues or limitations regarding physical activities involving his lower back. He would like to have the issue addressed and corrected so that he can have a career in the Air Force. He states that he didn’t want to be where he was currently stationed because of constant conversations of people deploying and a number of them not returning. He does not have a problem with deploying but didn’t like that the use of mind games in order to instill fear in those that enlisted for the sole purpose of defending the values and freedom of our great nation. He would like to have the opportunity to go back to active duty.  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.  CONCLUSION:  The board found neither the evidence of record, nor that provided by the applicant substantiated any inequity. However, sufficient evidence existed to convince the board the reenlistment code was improper. Therefore, the board determined the reenlistment eligibility code was changed to “2C”. The board did not change the discharge characterization or the narrative reason.  The DRB results were approved by the board president on 15 Jun 20. 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) | |