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| **AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT** | CASE NUMBER FD-2020-00359 |
| GENERAL: The applicant was discharged on 9 Jul 19 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with an Entry Level discharge for Condition, Not a Disability. The applicant appealed for a change to the discharge narrative reason. The board was conducted on 11 Jun 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 change the discharge narrative reason to Secretarial Authority.  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 inequitable because he developed anxiety due to the stress of not receiving a clear reason why he was disqualified for his guaranteed job. He states that he was originally informed that he was disqualified from ground linguist because of his use of marijuana while a freshmen in college. He states the reason for disqualification then changed to the concern about his wife and mother’s side of the family being foreign nationals. The applicant insists the recruiter was aware that his wife and family were foreign nationals because he and his wife met the recruiter in person at his office in England. He states that the final reason he received for the disqualification was because he did not return required paperwork. The applicant believes that he was getting the run around and filed the first of two IG complaints; which were both found unsubstantiated. The applicant is requesting the change of the narrative reason because it does not accurately reflect why he was discharged.  The DRB reviewed the applicant’s entire record and found the discharge was based on the result of a mental health evaluation conducted by a Behavioral Analysis Service clinical psychologist who diagnosed him with a mental health condition. The board concluded there was no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant any changes to the discharge.  CONCLUSION: The board found insufficient evidence of an inequity or impropriety that would warrant a change to the applicant’s narrative reason. Therefore, the narrative reason 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 16 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) | |