

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT	CASE NUMBER <b>FD-2022-00544</b>
<p><b>SUMMARY:</b></p> <p>The Applicant was discharged on 13 June 2018 in accordance with AFI 36-3208 with a “Under Other Than Honorable Conditions” (UOTHC) after “In-Lieu of Court-Martial/Chapter 4.” The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of his discharge characterization, a change to the discharge narrative reason, and a change to the reenlistment eligibility (RE) code.</p> <p>The Applicant appeared and testified before the Air Force Discharge Review Board (AFDRB), with counsel, via video teleconference using Zoom on 21 March 2023. No witnesses were present to testify on the Applicant’s behalf.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>DISCUSSION:</b> The AFDRB, 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.</p> <p>The Applicant’s record of service included an Article 15. His misconduct included being absent from his place of duty.</p> <p>The Applicant and his counsel stated his discharge was improper and inequitable for the following reasons: It was improper because the separation authority did not consider the totality of the Applicant’s conduct while serving when determining his characterization of service. It was inequitable because the misconduct he was discharged for stemmed from his attempt to self-medicate injuries sustained while performing his duties.</p> <p>The Board recognized the Applicant’s post-service accomplishments and impact he has made in his medical career. The Board also determined that, through the administrative actions taken by the chain of command in this case, the Applicant had ample opportunities to change his negative behavior. The board concluded the Applicant’s misconduct was a significant departure from the conduct expected of all military members.</p> <p><b>FINDING:</b> The AFDRB voted unanimously to <i>deny</i> the applicant’s request to upgrade his discharge characterization to “Honorable,” to change the discharge narrative reason to “Secretarial Authority,” and to change the reenlistment eligibility code to “2C” or “3K.”</p> <p><b>CONCLUSION:</b> After a thorough review of the available evidence, to include the Applicant’s issues, summary of service, service/medical record entries, and discharge process, the Board found the discharge was proper and equitable. Therefore, the awarded characterization of service shall remain “UOTHC,” the narrative reason for separation shall remain “In-Lieu of Court-Martial/Chapter 4,” and the reentry code shall remain “2B.” The AFDRB results were approved by the board president on 10 April 2023. If desired, the applicant can request a list of the board members and their votes by writing to:</p>	

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Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)