

## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

**SUMMARY:**

The applicant was discharged on 20 May 2020 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airman* with a General Discharge for Misconduct (Serious Offense). The applicant appealed for an upgrade of her discharge characterization and a change to the reenlistment eligibility code.

The applicant was represented by counsel.

The applicant requested the board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 27 April 2023.

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.

**DISCUSSION:** The Discharge Review Board (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 included an Article 15. Her misconduct included: Failure to refrain from consuming alcohol; assaulted a police officer who was known to be in the execution of military police duties, by striking him in the face with her fist; drunk and disorderly, which conduct was a nature to bring discredit upon the armed forces.

The documentary evidence the Board considered as part of the review included: the DD form 293, *Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States* and the applicant's personnel file from the *Automated Records Management System (ARMS)*.

The applicant wishes to reenter the military. She contended that the discharge was inequitable based on her quality of service and capability to serve.

The DRB reviewed the applicant's entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant an upgrade of the discharge. Despite the positive contributions the applicant made, her time in service was relatively short and therefore did not outweigh the negative conduct that resulted in her discharge.

**FINDING:** The DRB voted unanimously to *deny* the applicant's request to upgrade her discharge characterization, to change the discharge narrative reason, and to change the reenlistment eligibility code.

If the applicant can provide additional information to substantiate her contentions, the Board recommends she exercise the right to make a personal appearance before the DRB.

**CONCLUSION:** 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 "General," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Misconduct (Serious Offense)," and the reentry code shall remain "2B." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the board president on 11 May 2023. 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  
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Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602

Instructions on how to appeal an AFDRB decision can be found at  
<https://afrbportal.azurewebsites.us>

Attachment:  
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)