

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

CASE NUMBER

FD-2023-00033**SUMMARY:**

The applicant was discharged on 01 July 2022 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airman* with a “Honorable” after “Miscellaneous - General Reason.” The applicant appealed for a change to the discharge narrative reason.

The applicant was not represented by counsel.

The applicant requested the board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 04 May 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 Air Force Discharge Review Board (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.

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*; The applicant’s personnel file from the *Automated Records Management System (ARMS)*; and the DRB Brief.

The applicant requested a change to his narrative reason. The applicant stated he was denied unemployment benefits for which he feels he is entitled to for up to six months. He stated that his unemployment with Texas workforce was denied due to the Air Force not approving his benefits.

The board determined upon review of the applicant’s service record; the board was not able to find any documentation regarding the discharge. Since the board relies on the presumption of regularity, it concluded the discharge received by the applicant was appropriate. As noted in the applicant’s DD 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the member had not completed first full term of service. Accordingly, the appropriate separation code and narrative reason are denoted on his DD 214.

FINDING: The board voted unanimously to *deny* the applicant’s request to change the discharge narrative reason to “Secretarial Authority.”

Should the applicant wish to appeal this decision, the applicant must request a personal appearance before this Board before applying for relief to the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR). In accordance with DAFI 36-2603, Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records, all applicants before the AFBCMR must first exhaust available administrative avenues of relief before applying to the AFBCMR, otherwise their AFBCMR case will be administratively closed until such time that the applicant avails themselves of the available avenue of relief. Therefore, should the applicant wish to appeal this decision, they must first exercise their right to make a personal appearance before the AFDRB.

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 "Honorable," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Miscellaneous - General Reason," and the reentry code shall remain "1J." The AFDRB results were approved by the board president on 8 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)