

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

SUMMARY: The applicant was discharged on 23 February 2012 in accordance with AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airman* with a “General” discharge after “Misconduct (Drug Abuse).” 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.

The applicant was not represented by counsel.

The applicant requested the board be completed based on a records review only. The Board was conducted on 08 March 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 applicant’s record of service included an Article 15. His misconduct included wrongful use of marijuana.

The applicant stated when he returned from his deployment, he was given a cigarette laced with narcotics. He stated he did not know this at the time and felt it was unfair to be discharged. He stated that he wants to use his GI Bill and other benefits to improve himself.

The Board noted the excessively low nanogram and spotless service record which may have led to the commander taking two (2) weeks to determine the final course of action to discharge the applicant. However, the Board reviewed the applicant’s entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant any changes to the discharge.

FINDING: The board voted unanimously *deny* the applicant’s request to upgrade his discharge characterization to “Honorable,” to change the discharge narrative reason to “Secretarial Authority,” and to change the RE code.

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 (Drug Abuse),” and the reenlistment code shall remain “2B.” The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the board president on 04 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
3351 Celmers Lane
Joint Base Andrews, NAF Washington, MD 20762-6602

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.

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

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)