

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged on 25 August 2022 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, with an Entry Level Separation for Erroneous Entry. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of her discharge characterization, a change to the discharge narrative reason, and a change to the reentry code.

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 19 October 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 reentry 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 includes, but is not limited to the DD Form 293, *Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States*, and any additional documentation submitted by applicant and/or counsel; the applicant's personnel file from the Automated Records Management System (ARMS); and the DRB Brief detailing the applicant's service information and a summary of the case.

The applicant asked for a change to the reentry code. She explained that she is in good health and is more than capable of doing many jobs in the Air Force. She also indicated that a doctor and other members felt she could remain in service and change her job. The applicant also felt that the narrative reason of "Erroneous Entry," implied that she lied prior to joining. She concluded that she wants to continue the family legacy of serving.

After a thorough review and an advisory from the Board's medical professional, the Board determined that the member currently has no conditions that would bar her from entry. It opined that the member would be sufficiently examined at MEPS in order to make a determination of her fitness to serve. Therefore, the DRB concluded that an upgrade to the reentry code was warranted.

The Board also noted that the member's contention about the "Erroneous Entry" narrative reason. This narrative reason does not indicate the member lied or withheld information that caused the discharge. In a circumstance such as that, the narrative reason would have indicated "Fraudulent Entry."

Air Force policy states Airmen are in entry level status during the first 180 days of continuous active military service, and if a separation action is initiated during this time, they will receive an entry level separation without service characterization. Therefore, an "upgrade" to "Honorable" could not be approved.

FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to *approve* the applicant's request to upgrade her reentry code. It did not change the discharge character or narrative reason.

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 improper. Therefore, the awarded characterization of service shall remain "Entry Level Separation," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Erroneous Entry," and the reentry code shall change to "3K." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the board president on 21 October 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)