

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

CASE NUMBER
FD-2023-00418

SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged on 06 July 2022 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, with an Honorable discharge for Erroneous Entry. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his 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 07 December 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 is seeking an Honorable Discharge will full medical and disability benefits and access to the Veteran's Administration. The applicant believes he should have been medically separated instead of administratively. Additionally, it was requested that his narrative reason be changed, as it is inaccurate. The applicant asserts a seizure-free history before January 2022, during the initial four months in the Air Force. Since discharge, the applicant has undergone evaluations by a Neurologist, including two EEGs, and has experimented with various doses and medications to identify and effective treatment. Daily medication is now necessary to minimize the risk of seizures, with no history of seizures before MEPS and Basic Military Training.

The DRB found no impropriety or inequity in the discharge. Additionally, the narrative reason the applicant received is appropriate for the circumstances. His condition was discovered while in entry level status, as defined in DoDI 1332.14 "Enlisted Administrative Separations;" the member was within the first 365 days of continuous active military service. Furthermore, his enlistment is 'Erroneous' in that it would not have occurred had the relevant facts of his condition been known by the U.S. Government, it was not the result of fraudulent conduct on the part of the applicant, and his condition is unchanged in material respects.

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

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 "Erroneous Entry," and the reentry code shall remain "4C". The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 07 December 2024. 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)