

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

SUMMARY:

The applicant was discharged on 19 October 2011 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, with an Honorable discharge for Physical Standards. The applicant appealed for a change to his 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 15 February 2024.

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 applicant's record of service included a Letter of Counseling, which documents misconduct related to failure to report to an Annual Fitness Test Appointment.

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 to amend his reentry code, expressing his desire to serve his country through reenlistment. He emphasizes that the sole obstacle hindering him was failing to meet the weight measurement requirement. Additionally, the applicant takes pride in highlighting his family's longstanding tradition of military service and emphasizes his own personal growth.

The DRB has concluded that the discharge was executed without impropriety or unfairness, and the assigned reentry code was appropriate to the circumstances. Additionally, the Board emphasized that the discharge process adhered to established procedures and regulations governing Air Force Fitness Standards as outlined in AFI 36-2905. The consistent application of these rules ensures fairness for all individuals involved, and upon thorough review, no errors were identified in the record. The Board noted that in the absence of evidence to the contrary, the presumption of regularity dictates that the discharge was appropriate to the circumstances. Other than the applicant's own assertions, he has provided no evidence whatsoever in support of the notion that there was an inequity or impropriety in the discharge.

The DRB voted unanimously to **deny** the applicant's request 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.

After a thorough review of the available evidence, to include the Applicant's issues, summary of service, service, and discharge process, the Board found the discharge was proper and equitable. Therefore, the reentry code shall remain "2C". The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 20 Feb 24. 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

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

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)