

## AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

**SUMMARY:**

The applicant was discharged on 03 August 2023 in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-3211, Military Separations, with an Entry Level Separation for Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards. The applicant appealed for an upgrade of his reentry code.

The applicant requested the Board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 07 March 2024. The applicant was not represented by counsel.

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 indicated that there must have been a mix up, because he should have received an entry level medical separation, but the reentry code does not reflect the same as others he knew that were medically discharged who were subsequently able to reenter at a later time. The applicant indicated that the current reentry code received does not allow for reenlistment and highlighted that he was not discharged for failing medical requirements or misconduct.

The DRB determined that the discharge was improper due to an error of fact, law, procedure, or discretion associated with the discharge at the time of issuance. DoDI 1332.28 at 31. The applicant provided evidence of his treatment for Achilles tendon pain that emerged during entry training. The treating physician recommended that the applicant be allowed to return after recovery for six to twelve months. Despite this, the applicant was discharged with an reentry code barring reenlistment after recovery from his injury.

**FINDING:** The DRB voted Unanimously to **approve** a change to change the reentry code. However, It voted unanimously to **deny** the applicant's request to upgrade his discharge characterization and to change the discharge 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 Air Force DRB (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 inequitable. Therefore, the awarded characterization of service shall remain "Entry Level Separation," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards," and the reentry code shall Change to "3K." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 20 March 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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Instructions on how to appeal an AFDRB decision can be found at  
<https://afrbaportal.azurewebsites.us>

Attachment:  
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)