

<div>AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT</div>	<div>CASE NUMBER FD-2023-00560</div>
<div><p>SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on 10 June 2016 per Air Force Instruction 36-3208, <i>Administrative Separation of Airmen</i> with a General for Fraudulent Entry into Military Service. The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of their discharge characterization, separation code, and a change to the discharge narrative reason.</p><p>The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 16 May 2024. The Applicant was not represented by counsel.</p><p>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.</p><p>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.</p><p>The Applicant’s record of service included multiple records of academic counseling (x4) for failing “Block 1 – Weapons” for not checking safe and did not send the bolt forward before checking safe.</p><p>The documentary evidence the Board considered as part of the review includes, but is not limited to the DD Form 293, <i>Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States</i>, 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.</p><p>The Applicant stated they believe their discharge should be upgraded to Honorable due to the fact they suffered from a stress fracture in their left foot, which was treated for, but refused [by the Air Force] a reclassification or light-boot waiver. The Applicant stated they are now service connected for that injury. The Applicant contended they did not fraudulently enter the military and Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) documented pes planus (flat foot) for which was the accusation of fraudulent enlistment.</p><p>The DRB determined the Applicant did not hide their condition as pes planus was listed on their MEPS Report of Medical Examination, confirming the Applicant’s contention.</p><p>FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to <i>approve</i> the Applicant’s request to upgrade his discharge characterization, to change the discharge narrative reason, and to change the reentry code.</p><p>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, <i>Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records</i>, 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.</p></div>	

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 Change to "Honorable," the narrative reason for separation shall Change to "Secretarial Authority," and the reentry code shall Change to "3K." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 16 June 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

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<https://afrbaportal.azurewebsites.us>

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)