

SUMMARY: The applicant was discharged on 29 October 2021 in accordance with *Air Force Instruction 36-3209, Separation and Retirement Procedures for Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Members*, with an Honorable discharge characterization. The applicant appealed for a change to his reentry code.

The applicant requested the Board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 13 June 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 applicant's record of service included no misconduct.

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 contended that his separation code of 6G was incorrect. He asserted this code bars reenlistment, and was improper because when he separated, his command knew he intended to later reenlist after a hardship passed.

Because the applicant claimed that an error existed at the time of his discharge, the Board considered his claims under its propriety standards. These standards are found in DODI 1332.28, *Discharge Review Board (DRB) Procedures and Standards*, at paragraph E.4.2.1.

When considering a propriety claim, the Board is required to deem a discharge proper unless it determines that "[a]n error of fact, law, procedure, or discretion exists associated with the discharge at the time of issuance; and that the rights of the applicant were prejudiced thereby (such error shall constitute prejudicial error if there is substantial doubt that the discharge would have remained the same if the error had not been made)." DODI 1332.28, paragraph E4.2.1.1.

The Board reviewed DAFI 36-2606, *Reenlistment and Extension of Enlistment*, and determined that contrary to the applicant's contention, a 6G reentry code *does not* bar reenlistment. Table 12.3, on page 131 of DAFI 36-2606, explicitly states that a veteran with a 6G reentry code is eligible to reenlist.

As a result, even if 6G were incorrect for some other reason not alleged by the applicant, he remains eligible to reenlist and was not prejudiced by any error. Because the Applicant did not demonstrate a prejudicial error, the Board determined that the discharge was proper.

FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to *deny* the applicant's request to change his 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 "Hardship//Permanent Condition," and the reentry code shall remain "6G." The Air Force DRB (AFDRB) results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 3 July 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://afrbaportal.azurewebsites.us>

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)

