

**SUMMARY:** The Applicant was discharged on 27 September 2018 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 for Resignation Resulting in General Discharge. The Applicant appealed for a change to their narrative reason for separation and a change to their reentry code.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 1 October 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 the following documented misconduct leading up to their discharge: Letter of Reprimand for substantiated allegations of fraternization and engaging in an unprofessional relationship with an enlisted member.

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 their National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22, *Report of Separation and Record of Service*, indicates the reason for separation as "Resignation Resulting in General Discharge" and the reason for separation is incorrect. The Applicant contended that the authority cited in the memorandum provide to them by their Adjutant General does not match what is on the NGB Form 22.

The Applicant provided the following documents in support of their claim: Letter of Resignation; Correspondence from Counsel, Receipt of Letter of Resignation, NGB Form 22, Resignation Approval, and Page 50 excerpt from AFI 36-3209.

The DRB determined that the Applicant provided sufficient evidence to warrant a change to their narrative reason for separation due to the finding of an administrative error on their NGB Form 22. The Applicant requested a change to their reentry code. However, the Board could not make a change to the Applicant's reentry code as these codes are only applicable to enlisted members.

**FINDING:** The DRB voted unanimously to *approve* the Applicant's request to change their narrative reason for separation.

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 improper. Therefore, the awarded characterization of service shall remain "Honorable," the narrative reason for separation shall change to "Secretarial Authority," and the reentry code shall remain "N/A." The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 10 October 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  
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)