AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL DOCUMENT

CASE NUMBER FD-2024-00612

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on 13 February 2024 in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-3211, Military Separations, with an Uncharacterized Discharge for fraudulent entry. The Applicant appealed for a change to the discharge narrative reason.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a records only review. The Board was conducted on 27 March 2025. 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 did not include any documented misconduct leading up to their discharge.

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 requests their separation reason be changed from "fraudulent entry" to "erroneous entry," considering it unfair and extreme. They cite a misdiagnosis of migraines, which were actually cluster headaches. The Applicant maintains they were honest about the headache frequency and attributes the misdiagnosis to a misunderstanding with their physician.

The DRB upheld the Applicant's discharge, determining that enuresis and pituitary microadenoma are disqualifying conditions of military service. However, after reviewing the Applicant's records, the DRB found insufficient evidence to confirm whether the Applicant suffered from migraines or cluster headaches. There was no indication the Applicant knew of these conditions prior to service and during enlistment. The DRB deemed "fraudulent entry" inaccurate and approved the change to the discharge narrative reason to "Secretarial Authority."

Additionally, the Board considered the factors laid out in the attachment to the Under Secretary of Defense memorandum, *Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations*, dated 25 June 2018, known as the "Wilkie Memo." The Board considered the factors listed in paragraphs (6)(a) -(6)(l) and (7)(a) -(7)(r) of this memorandum.

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

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 "Uncharacterized," the narrative reason for separation shall change to "Secretarial Authority," and the reentry code shall remain "2C." The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 4 April 2025. If desired, the Applicant can request a list of the Board members and their votes by writing to:
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Attachment: Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)