

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on 28 November 2023 in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-3211, *Military Separations*, with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) for Commission of Serious Offense. The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of their discharge Characterization, a change to the discharge Narrative Reason, and a change to the Reentry Code.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a Records Review. The Board was conducted on 03 April 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 is requesting clemency for the immaturity exhibited during their enlistment. Since their discharge, the Applicant has begun college and seeking an Aerospace Engineering degree, became a disaster team specialist with the American Red Cross, and sought therapy to help recognize their moral code.

The DRB determined that the Applicant's discharge was proper and equitable. The Applicant believed they deserved a second chance to serve in the military despite their misconduct, which they linked to immaturity. The DRB recognized that the Applicant was 20 years old when the discharge took place but noted they were no younger than the vast majority of first-term Airmen who properly adhere to Air Force standards of conduct. Upon review of the Applicant's service record, the Board was not able to find any documentation regarding the discharge. Since the Board relies on the presumption of regularity, it concluded that the discharge received by the Applicant was appropriate.

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 and found no evidence of inequity or impropriety.

FINDING: The DRB voted unanimously to **deny** the Applicant's request to upgrade their discharge Characterization, to change the discharge Narrative Reason, and to change the Reentry Code.

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 "Under Honorable Conditions (General)," the narrative reason for separation shall remain "Commission of Serious Offense," and the reentry code shall remain "6H." The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on 9 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)