

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on April 10, 2012 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airmen*, with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Service Characterization for Misconduct. The Applicant appealed for a change to the Narrative Reason for separation.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a Record Review. The Board was conducted on September 18, 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 included the following documented misconduct leading up to their discharge:
-Article 15 for consuming alcohol under the age of 21; wrongfully engaged in sexual contact with Amn
-Article 15 for wrongful use of marijuana

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 acknowledged that their discharge status reflects their time in service, the Applicant requested consideration of their subsequent achievements when evaluating their request for a discharge upgrade. These achievements included the completion of degrees in Psychology and Software Engineering, demonstrating a deepened understanding of human behavior and mental health. Furthermore, the Applicant stated they have maintained a clean legal record for over 10 years and are actively involved in community service.

The DRB determined the discharge was proper and equitable. The Applicant's administrative records revealed they were discharged for wrongful use of marijuana which is a mandatory discharge unless they met all seven criteria for retention. However, the Applicant did not raise the retention criteria. In addition, the initiation of discharge for drug abuse was delayed while an investigation was completed which resulted in an Article 15 for consuming alcohol under the age of 21 and wrongfully engaging in sexual contact with a fellow Airman. The DRB was pleased to see that the Applicant has been successful since leaving the Air Force. However, the Board reviewed the Applicant's entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant any changes to the discharge.

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 AND 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. The DRB voted unanimously to *deny* the Applicant’s request. Therefore, the awarded Service Characterization shall remain “Under Honorable Conditions (General),” the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Misconduct, and the Reentry Code shall remain 2B. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on September 19, 2025.

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.

Instructions on how to appeal an AFDRB decision can be found at <https://afrbportal.azurewebsites.us>

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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Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)