

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on December 27, 2024 in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-3211, Military Separations, with an Under Honorable Conditions (General) Service Characterization for Unacceptable Conduct. The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of their Service Characterization and 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 11 September 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 fraternization, indecent exposure, and conduct unbecoming of an officer.

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 involuntary separation resulted from false accusations and a "he said/she said" situation involving a group of close friends who sabotaged their career, despite their consistent rebuttals and appeals. After 13 years of honorable service, the applicant requested that the board restore their record to continue serving their country, including the possibility of rejoining the military in a traditional National Guard role.

The DRB determined the applicant's claims were unsubstantiated. Although the applicant asserted their separation resulted from false accusations and interpersonal conflicts, the record contained documented misconduct that was both administratively and legally sufficient to warrant a discharge. The applicant did not provide independent evidence to establish that the allegations were false or the product of personal sabotage. The Board acknowledged the applicant's 13 years of honorable service and prior performance but concluded these factors did not outweigh the seriousness of the misconduct. Additionally, while the applicant's post-service desire to return to military service was noted, such aspirations do not constitute grounds for relief, absent evidence of error or injustice. Accordingly, the Board found the discharge characterization to be proper and equitable and determined it should remain unchanged.

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) and the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Unacceptable Conduct. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on September 26, 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)