

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on May 31, 2022 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, Administrative Separation of Airmen, with an Uncharacterized / Entry Level Separation Service Characterization for Fraudulent Entry Drug Abuse. The Applicant appealed for an upgrade of their Narrative Reason for separation, and a change to the Reentry Code.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a Record Review. The Board was conducted on 14 August 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 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 respectfully requested correction of the RE code and narrative reason based on inequity and impropriety. The Applicant contends their current RE-2G code and "Fraudulent Enlistment (Drug Abuse)" did not reflect the full context of the Applicant's case. The Applicant contends they voluntarily disclosed their limited, pre-service drug use during a Top-Secret interview. The Applicant claims they were never enrolled in ADAPT, never failed a drug test, and committed no misconduct. A Basic Military Training memo marked the case as "Inconclusive," and the Applicant's performance was rated satisfactory. While in medical hold, the Applicant waived legal counsel under pressure and was unaware of a waiver option available under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.19. The Applicant contends they were not given the opportunity to request a waiver or to remain in training. In a handwritten statement, the Applicant expressed regret and requested to continue service in the Air Force, even in a non-clearance role. The Applicant states these facts demonstrated that the Applicant's case involved a waiver-eligible disclosure rather than fraudulent enlistment. The Applicant requested that the record reflect honesty and integrity, not fraud, to support future military or civilian opportunities without undue burden.

The Applicant is requesting an upgrade citing inequality and impropriety. The Applicant is requesting a change to their narrative from Fraudulent Enlistment to Erroneous Enlistment. Also claims that 2G re-code is more appropriate for a person who failed a drug test or is eligible for ADPT. The records revealed the Applicant was recommended for discharge for fraudulent entry. Per the Applicants record they certified they did not experiment with illegal drugs on two AF Form 2030 forms on or between July 2021 and April 2022. However, during a sensitive skills interview the member disclosed a prior history of illegal substance(s) usage, which was not documented on the previously signed official Air Force forms. If this information was known prior to enlistment the Applicant would have been denied the ability to join the Military. However, the Board reviewed the Applicant's entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity. Therefore, the board

determined to deny the upgrade request for the narrative reason but did find reason to upgrade the reenlistment code to 2C which was determined to be more 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 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 ***partially approve*** the Applicant’s request. Therefore, the awarded Service Characterization shall remain “Uncharacterized / Entry Level Separation,” the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Fraudulent Entry Drug Abuse, and the Reentry Code shall change to 2C. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on August 18, 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
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Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)