

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on October 19, 2022 in accordance with Air Force Instruction 36-3208, Administrative Separation of Airmen, with an Uncharacterized / Entry Level Separation Service Characterization for Erroneous Entry. The Applicant appealed for an upgrade to their 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 believes the board should grant the request to change their reentry code to a "1" series because they were never given a full opportunity to demonstrate their capability to serve in the Air Force. The Applicant stated their opportunity was taken away just as they neared completion, despite putting significant effort into personal growth and leadership, including serving as an element leader during boot camp. The Applicant contended that due to the lack of phone access during training, they were unable to obtain contact information from fellow wingmen and therefore could not provide supporting buddy statements at the time of discharge. The Applicant wishes to follow in their mother's footsteps, who honorably served 17 years before retiring, and is determined to prove their readiness and dedication to serving their country.

The Applicant was in the military for one month and fourteen days and was discharged from Basic Military Training (BMT). The Applicant tested positive for an illegal substance that was over the DOD cutoff of 15ml. Dec 2021 the Applicant completed the AF Form 2030 and certified that they did not or experiment with drugs including marijuana and did not make mention of any drug use in their medical documents or during their medical interview. The Applicant believed they deserved a second chance despite their misconduct in order to have the opportunity to serve in the military again. The DRB determined the administrative actions taken by the chain of command in this case were proper and equitable. The Board concluded that the negative aspects of the Applicant's service outweighed the positive contributions they made during their Air Force career, therefore determined to deny the request to upgrade.

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 "Uncharacterized / Entry Level Separation," the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Erroneous Entry, and the Reentry Code shall remain 2C. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on August 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://afrbaportal.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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Joint Base Andrews, MD 20762-6435

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief (Applicant Only)