

SUMMARY: The Applicant was discharged on April 8, 2025 in accordance with Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-3211, Military Separations, with an Honorable Service Characterization for Completion of Required Active Service. The Applicant appealed for a change to the Reentry (RE) Code.

The Applicant requested the Board be completed based on a Record Review. The Board was conducted on 02 March 2026. 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

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 contends they had an established Date of Separation (DOS). Less than one year from his DOS, they received Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders but did not have the retainability to carry out those orders. They had to deny the PCS orders, per the Air Force out processing checklist, to receive separation orders. They fulfilled the active-duty commitment. They did not reenlist, receive orders, then deny them. The RE code they received represents if they had the retainability but denied the orders. They have proven in their military career that they carried out PCS orders and deployed six times overseas in combat zones, never once denying deployment. They are requesting the RE code "3D" be changed to "1x".

The DRB reviewed the Applicant's entire service record and found no evidence of impropriety or inequity to warrant any changes to the discharge. The Applicant declined to sign for the required retainability for an assignment, leading to separation at their DOS. Therefore, the RE code is 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 *deny* the Applicant's request. Therefore, the awarded Service Characterization shall remain "Honorable," the Narrative Reason for separation shall remain Completion of Required Active Service, and the Reentry Code shall remain 3D. The DRB results were approved by the Presiding Officer on March 3, 2026.

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)