RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 97-03141

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

Applicant requests the narrative reason for separation, the reenlistment eligibility (RE) code and separation code be changed on his DD Form 214. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Ms. Patricia J. Zarodkiewicz, Mr. Loren S. Perlstein and Mr. Dana J. Gilmour considered this application 14 July 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

PATRICIA J. ZARODKIEWIC

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Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinions



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

27 FEB 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPAES 550 C Street West Ste 10 Randolph AFB TX 78150-4712

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Record -

A review of applicant's case file was conducted. The Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) Code "2C" is correct. The type of discharge drove assignment of the RE code.

KATHLEEN R. LOPEZ, MSgt, USAF Special Programs and BCMR Manager Dir of Personnel Program Management



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HO AFPC/DPPRS

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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4713

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records -

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman, was discharged from the Air Force **04** Mar **97** under the provisions of **AFI 36-3208** (Personality Disorder) with an honorable discharge. He served 07 months **25** days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting **a** change in **his** reason for discharge and his reentry code.

<u>Basis for Reauest.</u> Applicant claims his medical records state he was diagnosed with chronic stomach pain which led to depression and anxiety but was not diagnosed with a personality disorder. The advisory from the BCMR Medical Consultant, 08 **Jan 98** provides information concerning applicant's medical condition at the time of his discharge. **This** advisory will address only the discharge processing in the case.

Facts. The applicant was notified by his commander on **21** Feb 97, that discharge action had been initiated against him for a mental disorder. The commander advised that the discharge action was being taken because he had been diagnosed with personality disorder after numerous occasions he was evaluated by the Mental Health Clinic and diagnosed with adjustment disorder and personality disorder. The condition was so severe that the applicant's ability to function effectively in the military environment is significantly impaired. He was advised he had a right to consult counsel and the right to submit statements in his own behalf. Applicant did not submit statements and waived his right to consult counsel. The discharge case was reviewed by the base legal office and was found to be legally sufficient to support separation. On 26 Feb 97, the discharge authority approved the recommendation for an honorable discharge for personality disorder.

<u>Discussion</u>, **This case** has been reviewed for separation processing **and** there **are** no errors or irregularities causing an injustice to the applicant. The discharge complies with, and was conducted according to **AFI 36-3208**, the appropriate directives in effect **at the time** of **his** discharge. The records indicate member's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken.

<u>Recommendation</u>, Applicant did not identify any specific errors in the discharge processing nor provide facts which warrant a change in his reason for separation or the narrative reason for his separation. Accordingly, we recommend applicant's request be denied. He has filed a timely request.

JOHN C. WOOTEN, OS-9 Military Personnel Mgmt Spec

Programs and Procedures Branch

Dir of Personnel Program Management

8 January 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: BCMR Medical Consultant

1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3rd Floor

Andrews AFB MD 20762-7002

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records.

Applicant's entire case file has been reviewed and is forwarded with the following findings, conclusions and recommendations.

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant was administratively discharged under provision of AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.1 for involuntary convenience of the government with a condition that interferes with military service, specifically, a mental disorder, on 4 Mar 97 after serving 7 months and 25 days on active duty. He applies now requesting his DD Form 214 be changed showing different separation program designator and reentry codes and a different narrative reason for separation.

FACTS: The applicant was seen for worsening problems with his stomach which were felt to be aggravated by psychological problems at his base **d** assignment and, because of deterioration in his work, he was referred for commander-directedmental health evaluation in January 1997. His medical records reveal that he had similar gastrointestinal complaints in 1994 prior to his entry in the Air Force which his private physician equated, also, to underlying anxiety. A complete psychological assessment by competent medical personnel between January and February 1997 determined that he had **two** mental health diagnoses: 1.) Adjustment Disorder (Unspecified: with depressed and anxious mood, multiple physical complaints, and work impairment): chronic, and 2.) Personality Disorder Not otherwise Specified (Primarily Schizotypal Traits). This is in opposition to what the applicant states that he "was not diagnosed with a Personality Disorder".

DISCUSSION: Evidence of record clearly shows that the applicant was evaluated for ongoing psychological problems during his short term in the Air Force, and that appropriate diagnostic studies and consultations established that he suffered from the disorders that led to his discharge. No evidence of inequity or impropriety is seen in the records available for review that would warrant a change in his reasons for discharge. He was properly evaluated and was afforded full due process in his discharge actions which were in accordance with regulations that support the law.

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RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that no change in the records is warranted and the application should be denied.

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