

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00222

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his entry level separation be upgraded to an honorable discharge and his Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code be changed. 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 opinions 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, Mr. David C. Van Gasbeck, Mr. Michael P. Higgins, and Mr. Thomas S. Markiewicz considered this application on 17 June 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

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Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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

Memorandum for the AFBCMR

From: BCMR Medical Consultant

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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. This request is not submitted in a timely manner, 12 years having passed from the applicant's separation.

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant was discharged with an entry level separation on 24 April 1986 after I month and 18 days in Basic Military Training (BMT) under the provisions of AFI 39-10. He now applies requesting the records be changed to show a different reason for discharge that would permit him to reenlist.

FACTS: The records indicate the applicant was counseled repeatedly for problems adjusting to the military environment in his **short** time at BMT. A mental health evaluation was performed with **findings d** Adjustment **and** Personality Disorder's which interfered with his military duties/training, and he was discharged because of his inability to conform to military standards and conduct. His discharge package reveals that he waived his right to legal counsel or to submit statements on his behalf prior to his'actual separation. He now claims that the actions **d** his training instructors (Tts) **and** the general environment of BMT were responsible for his difficulties, alleging racial and sexual harassment from the **TIs**, without providing substantiating evidence that this actually occurred.

DISCUSSION: This case was properly evaluated by the evidence of record. Evidence is clear that numerous counseling sessions were used to try and correct his negative behavior, and that none of this was effective. There is no evidence of error or irregularity in his evaluation by mental health or the processing of this case. The applicant does not provide any documentation from his post-service years that questions the diagnoses he was given. It is noted and applauded that the applicant has completed a college degree, but this in no way implies that his separation from the military was unjust or improper. Action and disposition in this case are proper and reflect compliance with Air Force directives which implement the law.

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

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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: **HQAFPCDPPRS**

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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman first class, was separated from the Air Force **24** Apr 86 under the provisions of AFR 39-10 (Entry level Performance and Conduct) with an uncharacterized discharge. He served 01 month and 18 days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting **an** honorable discharge and **a** change in **his** reentry code in order to reenlist.

Basis for Request. Applicant states he was being abused in basic training by his instructors who encouraged him to admit to the Chaplain and mental health personnel that he was suicidal.

Facts. The applicant was notified by his commander on 23 Apr 86 that discharge action had been initiated against him for unsatisfactory entry level performance or conduct. The commander indicated his action was being recommended because of applicant's lack of aptitude for military service, failure to adapt to the military environment, failure to make satisfactory progress in a required training program, reluctance to make an effect necessary to meet Air Force standards of conduct and duty performance, and his lack of self-discipline. The commander advised applicant that if his recommendation is approved, that his discharge would be described as entry level separation and that he would be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force. He was advised he had a right to consult counsel and the right to submit statements in his own behalf. He waived his right to consulted counsel and did not submitted statements in his own behalf. On 23 Apr 86, the discharge authority approved the Entry Level Separation. Airmen are given entry level separation/uncharacterized service characterizationwhen separation-action is initiated against them in the first 180 days of continuous active service.

<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 directives in effect at the time of his discharge. The records indicate member's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken.

Recommendation, Applicant did not identify any specific errors in the discharge processing nor provide facts which warrant a change in the discharge he received. Accordingly, we recommend applicant's request be denied. He has not filed a timely request.

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