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## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON, D. C.

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AFBCMR 98-01155

#### MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code, Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to be corrected to show that she was honorably discharged on 11 January 1998, rather than 3 January 1998.

RAYMOND H. WELLER

Chief Examiner

Air Force Board for Correction

of Military Records



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#### MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

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Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director of the Board or his designee.

Panel Chair

#### Attachments:

- 1. Ltr, AFPC/DPPRS, dtd 17 Jun 98
- 2. Ltr, AF/DPPE, dtd 6 Aug 98



## DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNELCENTER RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

JUN 17 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR'

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS

550 C Street West Ste 11

Randolph AFB TX 78150-4713

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman first class, was discharged from the Air Force 03 Jan 98 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Pregnancy) with an Honorable discharge. She served 02 years, 05 months 22 days total active service.

<u>Requested Action</u>. The applicant is requesting her date of separation from active duty be adjusted from 03 Jan 98 to 11 Jan 98.

Basis for Request. Applicant states she enlisted on 11 Jul 95 and elected to participate in the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) and made a full contribution of \$1200. She requested separation for pregnancy and was separated on 03 Jan 98, an arbitrary date. At the time, she adds, she was unaware that she needed to serve 30 months on active duty to qualify for the MGIB. Her separation date was 8 days before she would have been eligible for the MGIB. She claims she would have requested another date to be discharged if she had realize she was leaving active duty too early to qualify for the program. This advisory will address only the discharge processing in the case.

<u>Facts</u>. On 21 Nov 97, applicant applied for early separation for pregnancy. In her application, she indicated her reason for requesting early discharge was because of pregnancy and that she was requesting her release date of 03 Jan 98 so that she would be able to return to her home state in time to register for the Spring semester. Her application was approved on 21 Nov 97 for a 03 Jan 98 discharge date.

<u>Discussion</u>. This case has been reviewed for separation processing and there are no errors or irregularities causing an injustice to the applicant. Her discharge complies with directives in effect at the time of her discharge. The records indicate member's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken. The Education Officer at the base where she was discharge has provided a statement (attached) indicating that because the education counselor who processed her was new and could have erred when it comes to **VA** entitlements, the applicant could very well not have realize she would lose her MGIB with her scheduled date of separation.

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<u>Recommendation.</u> Based on information provided in applicant's application, information provided by her Education Officer, we have no objection if AFBCMR provides relief and directs applicant's records be corrected to show she was discharged effective 11 Jan 98. She has filed a timely request.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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WASHINGTON DC



06 AUG 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ USAF/DPPE

1040 Air Force Pentagon

Washington, D.C. 20330-1040

SUBJECT: Advisory Information on Montgomery GI Bill Eligibility

Public Law 98-525, the legislation which enacted the Montgomery GI Bill, requires that individuals who first became members of the Armed Forces, or who first entered active duty after June 30, 1985, and are participants in the Montgomery GI Bill, must serve continuously on active duty for at least three years. Individuals who separate early are not entitled to benefits except if discharged involuntarily, for a service connected disability, for a hardship, a reduction-in-force, or for the convenience of the government with 30 months of service completed.

Preceived an honorable, convenience of the government discharge, however, the only completed 2 years, 5 months and 22 days.

RECOMMENDATION: Grant the 8 days required for Montgomery GI Bill eligibility. It appears that the Swould have remained on active duty for the additional 8 days had she been briefed about the Montgomery GI Bill eligibility.

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