



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC

Office of the Assistant Secretary  
AFBCMR 98-01331

AUG 25 1998

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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] be corrected to show that at the time of her Entry Level Separation on 9 April 1998 the narrative reason for her separation was "Conditions that Interfere with Military Service, Not a Disability, Mental Disorders. Adjustment Disorder," and the separation program designator (SPD) code was "JFV "

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Pittenger".

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Chief Examiner  
Air Force Board for Correction  
of Military Records



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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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, BCMR Medical Consultant, dtd 16 Jun 98
2. Ltr, AFPC/DPPRS, dtd 23 Jul 98

16 June 1998  
98-01331

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  


REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant received an entry level separation on 9 April 1998 after just 30 days in basic training. She applies now to change the reason for discharge "from personality disorder" to "adjustment disorder."

FACTS: Early in basic military training the applicant was evaluated by the mental health section of Wilford Hall Medical Center with a resulting diagnosis of "Adjustment Disorder with Depressed Mood DSM-IV Code 309.0." Details of the evaluation are missing from the records, but the condition is noted on the letter of notification to the applicant that she was being recommended for separation under provisions of AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.1.1.1, Mental Disorders. Because she had less than 6 months on active duty, an entry level separation was initiated.

DISCUSSION: The current AFI regulating separations for mental health problems does not allow coding for other than "Personality Disorder," an entirely different DSM-IV code sequence from what the applicant was diagnosed with. However, the timing of the applicant's separation within 6 months of entry requires an uncharacterized entry level separation which applies regardless of the reason for separation.

RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that, in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request for change of reason for discharge be granted. Item 28 of the DD Form 214 should be changed to read: Conditions That Interfere With Military Service, Not a Disability, Mental Disorders, Adjustment Disorder, the corresponding SPD being JFV IAW AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.1.1.1. The reentry code should remain unchanged as it reflects the mandatory uncharacterized entry level separation for less than 6 months of service.

  


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JUL 28 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS  
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records 

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman, was separated from the Air Force 09 Apr 98 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Entry level Separation/Personality Disorder) with an uncharacterized discharge. She served 29 days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting her narrative reason for separation be changed from personality disorder to adjustment disorder. The advisory provided by the AFBCMR Medical Consultant, 16 Jun 98 gives information concerning applicant's medical condition at the time of her separation. The AFBCMR Medical Consultant also recommends applicant's narrative reason for separation be change since in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request should be granted.

Facts. Applicant was notified by her commander on 06 Apr 98 that involuntary separation action was being recommended against her because she had been diagnosed as having a condition that interfered with military service, mental disorder. The commander advised she had a right to consult legal counsel and the right to submit statements in her own behalf. Applicant waived her right to consulted counsel and to submit a statement in her own behalf. On 08 Apr 98, the discharge authority approved the recommendation for an entry level separation for personality disorder.

Recommendation. We concur with the AFBCMR Medical Consultant's recommendation that her narrative reason for separation should be changed to "Conditions that Interfere with Military Service, Not a Disability, Mental Disorders. Adjustment Disorder" with a SPD of "JFV." We also concur with the recommendation of no change in applicant's reentry code or characterization of service since she did not complete 180 days continuous active service. She has filed a timely request.

  
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