

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00297  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His uncharacterized service be changed to an honorable discharge.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He passed all required medical tests for enlistment. Unfortunately, during basic training he was diagnosed with costochondritis. This condition automatically disqualified him for service. He further states his personal physician has given him a clean bill of health. He has a career as a senior engineering technician and has served as a reserve deputy for his local sheriff's department for four years.

In support of the applicant's appeal, he provides a personal statement, basic jail certification training certificate, and other documentation.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 11 December 1996.

The applicant was notified by his commander of his intent to recommend that he be discharged from the Air Force under the provisions of AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208. The specific reason was a medical evaluation board that diagnosed the applicant with costochondritis and found he did not meet minimum medical standards to join the Air Force and should not have been allowed to join the Air Force.

He was advised of his rights in this matter and elected not to consult with counsel or submit a statement on his own behalf. The discharge authority concurred with the recommendation and directed an entry level separation. The applicant was discharged on 15 January 1997. He served 1 month and 5 days on active duty.

Pursuant to the Board's request, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Clarksburg, West Virginia, provided an arrest record which is at Exhibit C.

On 24 May 2012, a copy of the FBI Report of Investigation and a request for information pertaining to his post-service activities was forwarded to the applicant for review and response within 30 days (Exhibit D). The applicant provided a response indicating he became ill during basic training and was disqualified from serving in the Air Force. He has worked as a senior engineering technician for the past 13 years. He desires to work for the federal government and a vast majority of the positions require him to have an honorable discharge (Exhibit E).

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.
3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice warranting a change to his character of service. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we find no evidence of an error or injustice that occurred in the discharge processing. Based on the available evidence of record, it appears the discharge was consistent with the substantive requirements of the discharge regulation and within the commander's discretionary authority. The applicant has provided no evidence which would lead us to believe otherwise. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis upon which to recommend granting the relief sought.

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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of an error or injustice; the application was denied without a personal appearance; and the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00297 in Executive Session on 17 July 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00297 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 2 January 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. FBI Report of Investigation.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFBCMR, dated 24 May 2012.