

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00793
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

Her entry-level separation be changed to a medical general discharge.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

She believes her separation should be stated as a medical general discharge.

In support of her request, the applicant provides a copy of her DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*.

Her complete submission, with attachment, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted into the Regular Air Force on 1 Feb 06.

The applicant was notified by her commander that he was recommending her for discharge from the Air Force under the provisions of AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, Chapter 5, Section C, Defective Enlistments. The specific reason for this action was for not meeting minimum medical standards to enlist because of having intermittent asthma. After a legal review, the case was found to be legally sufficient. The applicant acknowledged receipt of the discharge notification and waived her rights to consult counsel and submit statements in her own behalf. The applicant received an entry-level discharge on 8 Mar 06 after serving 1 month and 8 days on active duty.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

HQ AETC/SGPS recommends denial. After a review of the applicant's records and medical notes, SGPS found she checked "No", on the history of asthma, shortness of breath, wheezing,

and use of an inhaler; however, she admitted to having asthma symptoms and was treated with inhalers. After being seen at the clinic, she was prescribed an inhaler to use as needed. She received a methacholine challenge test which revealed a 29 percent decrease in FEV-1, which reversed when administered a bronchodilator. Demonstrating an airway obstruction, which is disqualifying for military service, she was subsequently processed for an entry-level separation.

It is noted that the applicant withheld her childhood history of asthma and treatment when she entered the Air Force. The fact that she had this history prior to attending Basic Military Training (BMT) does not support her request that this should have received a medical separation. Additionally, since she does not meet current medical criteria for military duty, SGPS does not support her request to change her DD Form 214.

The complete HQ AETC/SGPS evaluation is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPSOS recommends denial based on the documentation on file in the applicant's master personnel records. Her discharge was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirement of the discharge regulation and was within the discharge authority's discretion. Further, airmen are given entry-level separation/uncharacterized service when separation is initiated in the first 180 days of continuous active service.

The complete DPSOS evaluation is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant on 18 May 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, this office has received no response.

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. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinions and recommendations of the Air Force offices of primary responsibility and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the

applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

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

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00793 in Executive Session on 24 Jul 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 15 Feb 12, w/atc.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AETC/SGPS, dated 3 May 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSOS, dated 10 May 12.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 18 May 12.

Panel Chair