

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01072

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: YES

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His fitness assessments, dated 28 October 2009, 26 February 2010, 26 May 2010, 17 March 2011 and 29 July 2011, be removed from the Air Force Fitness Management System (AFFMS).

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He was misdiagnosed by Air Force and Army medical personnel on three separate occasions regarding his weight loss. Two of those occasions were before his first fitness failure. He sought help from the medical staff and the Health and Wellness Center (HAWC) and was given the standard answer of eat healthy, eat less, don't lift and do more cardio. All of which he had done and it was not working.

He was referred to a civilian weight loss clinic in July 2011 and was diagnosed with a medical condition that was preventing him from losing weight. He believes had he been diagnosed correctly, he would not be in this current situation.

In support of the request, the applicant provides copies of his medical records and letters of support from his squadron commander and primary care manager.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the Regular Air Force in the grade of master sergeant.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIM recommends denial. The fitness assessments were conducted in accordance with applicable regulations and guidelines and should not be removed from AFFMS.

The complete DPSIM evaluation is at Exhibit B.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The advisory writers simply states the assessments were done in accordance with the regulation. This is not about whether the tests were correctly administered; it is about an undiagnosed medical condition. It took fighting and requesting a civilian specialist to finally get an answer after two years of fighting and failing fitness assessments. Since receiving the correct diagnosis, he has successfully attained a passing score on his assessment.

He believes he has submitted enough documentation to show that he actively requested help and tried to figure out why he was not losing weight. He was finally correctly diagnosed and has successfully attained his goal. He asks the Board take all submitted documentation into consideration when making a decision.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit D.

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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 timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or injustice. We took note of the Air Force office of primary responsibility's recommendation not to remove the fitness assessments. However, based on the physician's statements, we find the applicant's misdiagnosed medical condition had a direct impact on his ability to pass the fitness assessments. We also find that he exercised due diligence and continuously sought medical treatment to resolve his medical issues. Based on the foregoing, we recommend the records be corrected as indicated below.
4. The applicant's case is adequately documented and it has not been shown that a personal appearance with or without counsel will materially add to our understanding of the issues involved.

Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that the fitness assessment scores dated 28 October 2009, 26 February 2010, 26 May 2010, 17 March 2011 and 29 July 2011, be removed from the Air Force Fitness Management System.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01072 in Executive Session on 2 October 2012 under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

All members voted to correct the record, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 16 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSIM, dated 28 Jun 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 26 Jul 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, Applicant's Response, undated.

Panel Chair