

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01439  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

Her narrative reason for separation, Personality Disorder, be changed in order that she may reenlist.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

She desires her record be changed so that she can apply for Air Force Officer Training School. The diagnosis of personality disorder is erroneous. While in basic training she did have panic attacks and was suffering from bulimia nervosa, which had been disclosed to her recruiter. She has been treated for this condition and has not had an episode in over five years. After her separation from the Air Force she received an Associate's Degree in Medical Assisting, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology and is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology. She believes she is mentally and physically stronger and desires a second chance.

In support of the applicant's appeal, she provides a letter from her psychologist, character reference letters and documents extracted from her military personnel records.

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 2 August 2005.

The applicant was notified by her commander of his intent to recommend that she be discharged from the Air Force under the provisions of AFD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208. The specific reason was the applicant was diagnosed with a mental disorder. The Department of Mental Health, Wilford Hall Medical Center determined this condition interfered with her duty performance and conduct and was severe enough that her ability to function in the military was significantly impaired. The specific diagnoses was Axis I - Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Anxiety and Depression, Anxiety Disorder and Bulimia Nervosa.

She was advised of her rights in this matter and elected not to submit a statement on her own behalf. In a legal review of the case file, the chief adverse actions found the case legally sufficient and recommended discharge. The discharge authority concurred with the recommendation and directed an entry level separation. The applicant was discharged on 19 September 2005. She served 1 month and 18 days on active duty.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFRC/SG recommends denial. SG states her disqualifying symptoms were clearly delineated in her chart, directly causative of her entry level separation and remain disqualifying for reconsideration for enlistment or commission to this date. There is no injustice in this case.

The complete SG evaluation is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPSOS recommends denial of the applicant's request. However, DPSOS recommend the applicant's narrative reason for separation be changed to reflect "Adjustment Disorder" and the separation code changed to reflect "JFY".

DPSOS states the applicant was diagnosed by a psychiatrist as having Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Anxiety and Depression, as described in Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of mental disorders (DSM-IV). The clinical opinion was that the applicant was not considered mentally ill, but she had several panic attacks that took less than 10 minutes to reach peak intensity. While having the panic attacks, the applicant experienced heart pounding, shaking, difficulty breathing, dizziness, hot flashes and fear of losing control. The clinical opinion also stated the applicant reported some suicidal ideation regarding using a razor or pill but denied intent. The applicant had thoughts of suicide in her past, with the same plan, but had made no attempts. The applicant was disqualified for PRP, security clearance, and weapons handling. The applicant was not considered suitable for access to classified information or for further productive military service.

Based on the documentation on file in the master personnel records, the discharge was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the discharge instruction and was within the discretion of the discharge authority.

The complete DPSOS evaluation is at Exhibit D.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 18 June 2012, copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant for review and response within 30 days (Exhibit E). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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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 an error or injustice. The applicant's complete submission was thoroughly reviewed and her contentions were duly noted. However, we do not find the applicant's assertions and the documentation presented in support of her appeal sufficiently persuasive to override the rationale provided by the Air Force offices of primary responsibility (OPRs). We note AFPC/DPSOS will correct the applicant's narrative reason for separation to reflect Adjustment Disorder and separation code to reflect "JFY". We agree with this correction. Therefore, relief beyond that already administratively granted is not warranted.
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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-2012-01439 in Executive Session on 2 October 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01439 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 14 March 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFRC/SG, dated 14 May 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSOS, dated 7 June 2012.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 18 June 2012.