

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01755
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code of 2C, which denotes "Involuntarily separated with an honorable discharge; or entry level separation without characterization of service," be changed to allow reentry in the military.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The discharge he received is unjust because he tried his best to complete Pararescue training. He understands the reason for his discharge, but would like it changed so that he can join the Air National Guard (ANG).

In support of his request the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* and AF IMT 100, *Request and Authorization for Separation*.

His complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On 28 Dec 2010, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force.

On 7 Apr 2011, the applicant was notified by his commander that he was recommending he be discharged from the Air Force under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, *Administrative Separation of Airman*. His reason for this action was that on 28 Mar 2011, he self-eliminated from the Pararescue Development Course.

On 7 Apr 2011, the applicant acknowledged the Discharge Notification and waived his rights to consult with legal counsel and submit statements in his own behalf.

On 11 Apr 2011, the Staff Judge Advocate found the discharge action legally sufficient.

On 18 Apr 2011, the applicant received an entry level discharge with an uncharacterized character of service after serving 3 months and 21 days of active service.

THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSOA recommends denial of changing the applicant's RE code. DPSOA states RE code 2C is required per AFI 36-2606, *Reenlistments in the USAF*, based on his involuntary discharge with honorable character of service. The applicant states he tried his best, however, when offered a chance for remedial training he said that he no longer wanted to train. He was not recommended for retraining. He does not provide proof of an error or injustice in reference to his RE code.

The complete DPSOA evaluation is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPSOR recommends denial of the applicant's request to change his service characterization. DPSOR states the applicant's service characterization is correct. Airmen are given "Entry Level" separation with an "Uncharacterized" service characterization when separation is initiated in the first 180 days of continuous active service. The Department of Defense (DoD) determined if a member served less than 180 days continuous active service, it would be unfair to the member and the service to characterize their limited service. Therefore, the "Uncharacterized" character of service which resulted in the RE code of 2C reflected on his DD Form 214 is correct and in accordance with DoD and Air Force instructions.

The complete DPSOR evaluation is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 22 Aug 2012, copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit E).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
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 office of primary responsibility and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion 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 Docket Number BC-2012-01755 in Executive Session on 15 Nov 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

- , Panel Chair
- , Member
- , Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2012-01755:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 11 Apr 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSOA, dated 8 Jun 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSOR, dated 6 Aug 2012.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 22 Aug 2012.

Panel Chair