

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02040
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code 2C, which denotes "Involuntarily separated with an honorable discharge; or entry level separation without characterization of service," be changed to an RE code of 1 to allow reentry in the military.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

It has been almost three years since his separation and because it is not possible to rejoin the Air Force, he would like nothing more than the opportunity to join another branch of the military. Although he was close, he did not make the minimum passing score on his Career Development Course (CDC). This was a surprise to his superiors and his fellow airmen because he performed all of his duties at an above average level.

He struggled with the written and book assignments during technical school and he was advised to apply for a CDC waiver, which was denied because the CDC test is crucial to career advancement.

At the time he felt so defeated that he did not fight to find alternatives to stay in the military. He believes his time away has helped him regroup, grow, and find a career field that compliments his strengths.

After contacting each branch of the military he was informed that waivers were not available for his RE code.

Most airmen in his situation would have received a general discharge. However, due to his dedication and good character he was rewarded with an honorable discharge.

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

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On 10 Jul 2007, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force.

On 15 Sep 2009, the applicant received an involuntary discharge with an honorable character of service after serving two years, two months, and six days of active service. He received an RE code of 2C and a separation code of JHJ, which denotes, "Unsatisfactory Performance."

THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

HQ AFPC/DPSOA recommends denial of changing the applicant's RE code. DPSOA states his RE code of 2C is required per AFI 36-2606, *Reenlistments in the USAF*, based on his involuntary discharge with an honorable character of service. The applicant does not provide proof of an error or injustice in reference to his RE code. He states most airmen in the same situation would have received a general discharge, but because of his dedication and good character he was awarded an honorable discharge. Conversely, everyone in his situation receives an honorable discharge unless there were misconduct issues in addition to Career Development Course failure.

If a military recruiter believes he is otherwise eligible and wants to enlist the applicant, a waiver of the RE code 2C would be appropriate.

The complete DPSOA evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 2 Jul 2012, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, this office has received no response (Exhibit D).

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 opinion and recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. The applicant should be aware that RE code 2C is a code that may be waived for a prior service enlistment. However, the decision as to whether or not a waiver is approved is based on the needs of the service to which he applies. Therefore, in view of the above and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no compelling 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-2012-02040 in Executive Session on 18 Oct 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

- , Chair
- , Member
- , Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2012-02040:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 7 May 2012, w/atch.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSOA, dated 25 Jun 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 2 Jul 2012.

Chair