

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

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ISSUES A94.05/06	INDEX NUMBER A42.00	EXHIBITS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD		
		1	ORDER APPOINTING THE BOARD	
		2	APPLICATION FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE	
		3	LETTER OF NOTIFICATION	
		4	BRIEF OF PERSONNEL FILE	
			COUNSEL'S RELEASE TO THE BOARD	
			ADDITIONAL EXHIBITS SUBMITTED AT TIME OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE	
			TAPE RECORDING OF PERSONAL APPEARANCE HEARING	
HEARING DATE 8 MAY 2003	CASE NUMBER FD2002-0350			

APPLICANT'S ISSUE AND THE BOARD'S DECISIONAL RATIONALE ARE DISCUSSED ON THE ATTACHED AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

REMARKS
Case heard at Washington, D.C.
Advise applicant of the decision of the Board and the right to submit an application to the AFBCMR.

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER [REDACTED]	SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT [REDACTED]
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INDORSEMENT	DATE: 16 MAY 2003
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TO: SAF/MIBR 550 C STREET WEST, SUITE 40 RANDOLPH AFB, TX 78150-4742	FROM: SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE PERSONNEL COUNCIL AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD 1535 COMMAND DR, EE WING, 3 RD FLOOR ANDREWS AFB, MD 20762-7002
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AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

GENERAL: The applicant appeals for upgrade a change in reason and authority for discharge and to change his reenlistment code.

The applicant appeared and testified before the Discharge Review Board (DRB), without counsel, at Andrews AFB, Maryland on 8 May 2003. The following witness also testified on the applicant's behalf: Master Gunnery Sergeant [REDACTED], Retired USMC (applicant's father-in-law)

The following additional exhibits were submitted at the hearing:

Exhibit 6: VA Medical Evaluation

Exhibit 7: Three internet documents on the allergic reactions to bee and wasp stings

The attached brief contains the available pertinent data on the applicant and the factors leading to the discharge.

FINDINGS: The change in reason for discharge and change in reenlistment code are denied.

The Board finds that neither evidence of record nor that provided by the applicant, provides a sufficient basis for a change in reason for discharge or a change in reenlistment code.

The applicant's issues are listed in the attached brief.

Issues. The applicant received an Honorable discharge for an Adjustment Disorder, with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct, and a Personality Disorder, not otherwise specified. The central issue the applicant has put forth in writing focuses on his contention that witnesses to the maladaptive behavior, which he displayed after his discovery of a failing grade on his Block III examination, provided inconsistent accounts of events which took place. Specifically the applicant opined the "inconsistencies in the statements between personnel, did not warrant this [separation] action". Although at least five witnesses provided written statements, all with an identical reference to the applicant breaking his flashlight, then striking his hand or wrist onto sharp or broken parts of the flashlight, the applicant contends "marks" identified on his arms by medical personnel were the result of insect stings or bites, which he had sustained earlier, while handling trash in a dumpster or other receptacle for the disposal of refuse. The DRB considered the plausibility the "quarter-sized" markings identified on the applicant's arms could have been the result of the common cutaneous manifestation of an allergic reaction, such as hives. However, the Board found compelling the witness statement from the health care professional who evaluated the applicant at the 82MDG hospital emergency room. This independent witness, with no reason to fabricate a story, provided the following written statements regarding the applicant: "The patient voiced that he failed his block 3 test today and that triggered a lot of bad feelings inside of him. He states that in his anger he took his flashlight and busted [it] up. After doing so he repeatedly slammed his arms down on the broken flashlight in an attempt to make himself feel better, but it did not work." When asked specific questions by the DRB about events surrounding his acts of self-injury, the applicant's memory was selectively impaired. The applicant's witness for the DRB challenged the validity of the official mental health evaluation conducted, a single-page document, citing an absence of supporting evidence of mental health records. It was explained to the applicant's witness the purpose of the single document was to transmit a diagnostic summary of the applicant's condition for consideration by the discharge authority. The applicant's witness for the DRB also challenged the notion the applicant was trying to commit suicide by striking his arms or wrists on broken parts of a flashlight. The DRB concurs the applicant's actions were unlikely an attempt to commit

suicide, based upon published data on suicide attempts among the male population. However, the DRB opines, nonetheless, the applicant's maladaptive behavior is consistent with the diagnostic conclusions reached by the mental health professionals consulted in the applicant's case.

CONCLUSIONS: The Discharge Review Board concludes that the discharge was consistent with the procedural and substantive requirements of the discharge regulation and was within the discretion of the discharge authority and that the applicant was provided full administrative due process.

Examiner's Brief

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD
ANDREWS AFB, MD

[REDACTED]
(Former AMN) (HGH AMN)

1. **MATTER UNDER REVIEW:** Appl rec'd a HON Disch fr USAF 17 FEB 98 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.11.1 (Personality Disorder). Appeals for a Change in RE Code and to Change the Reason and Authority for Discharge.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

a. DOB: 29 Nov 79. Enlmt Age: 17 4/12. Disch Age: 18 2/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-60, E-67, G-70, M-70. PAFSC: 2A313A - Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Helper. DAS: 15 Sep 97.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 3 Apr 97 - 15 Jul 97 (3 months 13 days) (Inactive).

3. **SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:**

a. Enlisted as AB 16 Jul 97 for 4 yrs. Svd: 0 Yrs 7 Mo 2 Das, all AMS.

b. Grade Status: AMN - 16 Jan 98

c. Time Lost: None.

d. Art 15's: None.

e. Additional: None.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: None.

(Discharged from Sheppard AFB)

h. Awards & Decs: AFTR.

i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (0) Yrs (10) Mos (14) Das
TAMS: (0) Yrs (7) Mos (2) Das

4. **BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW:** Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 9 Aug 02.
(Change RE Code and Change Reason and Authority for Discharge)

Issue 1: Request the narative (sic) reason for seperation (sic) be changed/upgraded.

Issue 2: Reentry code be changed to allow me to go back on active duty in the US military.

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1. DD Form 214.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

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11 Feb 98

MEMORANDUM FOR 82 TRG/CC

FROM: 82 TRW/JAC

SUBJECT: Legal Review, Recommendation for Discharge [REDACTED]
362 TRS

1. We have reviewed this discharge case file and find it to be legally sufficient to support discharge. We recommend that you direct that the respondent be separated with an honorable discharge in accordance with AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.1 (mental disorder), without further opportunities for probation and rehabilitation.
2. The basis for this action is that the respondent has been diagnosed by a psychiatrist as having an adjustment disorder. This disorder is so severe that the respondent's ability to function effectively in the military environment is significantly impaired. The basis for discharge is supported by a preponderance of evidence in the case file.
3. The respondent is 18 years old, began his enlistment on 16 Jul 97, and was assigned to his unit on 15 Sep 97. His academic test scores are average. The respondent is entitled to wear the Air Force Training Ribbon. He has waived his right to consult counsel and has waived his right to submit statements for your consideration.
4. We note no administrative errors of legal significance, and we concur with the squadron section commander's recommendation for an honorable discharge in this case.
5. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact [REDACTED] at ext 6-7184.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] USAF
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate

Attachment:
Case File

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND

10 Feb 98

MEMORANDUM FOR [REDACTED]


FROM: 362 TRS/CCQ
527 G Ave
Sheppard AFB TX 76311-2835

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum









1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for mental disorder. The authority for this action is AFPD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.1. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as honorable.
2. My reason for this action is on or about 2 Feb 98, you were diagnosed by a psychiatrist as having an adjustment disorder with mixed disturbance of emotions and conduct, as described in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV), which is so severe that your ability to function effectively in the military environment is significantly impaired. Your disorder is evidenced by your disorder of character, behavior, and adaptability that is of such severity so as to preclude adequate military service. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. The commander exercising Special Court Martial jurisdiction or higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the Air Force. If you are discharged, you will be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force and will probably be denied enlistment in any component of the armed forces.
3. You have the right to consult counsel. Military legal counsel has been obtained to assist you. I have made an appointment for you to consult [REDACTED], Area Defense Counsel, at Bldg 1638, room 110, on 11 Feb 98 at 0900 hours. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.
4. You have the right to submit statements in your own behalf. Any statements you want the separation authority to consider must reach me by 13 Feb 98, unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to separation authority.
5. If you fail to consult counsel or to submit statements in your own behalf, your failure will constitute a waiver of your right to do so.
6. You were scheduled for a physical examination on 9 Feb 98.

7. Any personal information you furnish in rebuttal is covered by the Privacy Act of 1974. A copy of AFI 36-3208, is available for your use in the 362 TRS/Commanders Support Staff office.

8. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.


USAF
Squadron Section Commander
362d Training Squadron

Attachments:

1. 82 MDG/SGO Memorandum, 2 Feb 98
2. DD Form 1569, 5 Feb 98
3. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
4. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
5. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
6. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
7. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
8. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
9. AF Form 1168, , 28 Jan 98
10. AETC Form 125A, 10 Feb 98
11. AETC Form 156, CL NR 971007TA
12. AETC Form 581, 28 Jan 98
13. AETC Form 173, 28 Jan 98
14. AETC Form 173, 29 Oct 97
15. Lackland AFB Form 205, 11 Sep 97
16. Airman's Receipt of Notification Memorandum 

cc:

82 MSS/DPISF
362 TRS/CSS (File)
Individual