

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD HEARING RECORD

NAME OF SERVICE MEMBER (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL)	GRADE	AFSN/SSAN
	SRA	

TYPE HON	PERSONAL APPEARANCE	X	RECORD REVIEW
COUNSEL		ADDRESS AND OR ORGANIZATION OF COUNSEL	
YES	No		
	X		

MEMBER SITTING	VOTE OF THE BOARD				
	HON	GEN	UOTHC	OTHER	DENY
					X
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ISSUES	A94.05	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 DATE	CASE NUMBER
06 Dec 2005	FD-2005-00179

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

Case heard at Washington, D.C.

Advise applicant of the decision of the Board, the right to a personal appearance with/without counsel, and the right to submit an application to the AFBCMR.

Names and votes will be made available to the applicant at the applicant's request.

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER: *[Signature]* | SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT: *[Signature]*

INDORSEMENT		DATE: 12/6/2005
TO: SAF/MRBR 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, 3RD FLOOR ANDREWS AFB, MD 20762-7002	

AIR FORCE DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD DECISIONAL RATIONALE

CASE NUMBER

FD-2005-00179

GENERAL: The applicant appeals to change the reason and authority for the discharge.

The applicant was offered a personal appearance before the Discharge Review Board (DRB) but declined to exercise this right.

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

FINDINGS: Change of reason and authority for discharge is denied.

The Board finds that neither the evidence of record nor that provided by the applicant substantiates an inequity or impropriety that would justify a change of discharge.

ISSUE: Applicant contends that it would be easier for her to find a job if the reason and authority for discharge is changed from "Personality Disorder" to "Secretarial Authority". The records indicate that the applicant was discharged with an Honorable discharge for Personality Disorder. The Board was sympathetic to the applicant's difficulty in procuring employment, but found no instance of impropriety or inequity on which to base a change in reason and authority for discharge.

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.

In view of the foregoing findings the Board further concludes that there exists no legal or equitable basis for upgrade of discharge, thus the applicant's discharge should not be changed.

Attachment:
Examiner's Brief

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

(Former SrA) (HGH SrA)

1. **MATTER UNDER REVIEW:** Appl rec'd a HON Disch fr Moody AFB, GA on 24 Aug 04 UP AFI 36-3208, para 5.11.9.1 (Personality Disorder). Appeals for a Change in Reason and Authority for Discharge.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

a. DOB: 20 Mar 82. Enlmt Age: 18 5/12. Disch Age: 22 5/12. Educ: HS DIPL. AFQT: N/A. A-79, E-59, G-48, M-29. PAFSC: 4A051 - Health Service Management Journeyman. DAS: 20 Jun 03.

b. Prior Sv: (1) AFRes 31 Aug 00 - 20 Nov 00 (2 months 20 days) (Inactive).

3. **SERVICE UNDER REVIEW:**

a. Enlisted as AB 21 Nov 00 for 4 yrs. Svd: 3 Yrs 9 Mo 4 Das, all AMS.

b. Grade Status: SrA - 21 Nov 03
A1C - 21 Mar 02
Amn - 21 May 01

c. Time Lost: None.

d. Art 15's: None.

e. Additional: None.

f. CM: None.

g. Record of SV: 21 Nov 00 - 20 Jul 02 Yokota AB 5 (Initial)
21 Jul 02 - 30 Apr 03 Yokota AB 5 (CRO)
01 May 03 - 30 Apr 04 Moody AFB 4 (Annual)

h. Awards & Decs: AFTR, NDSM, AFGCM.

i. Stmt of Sv: TMS: (3) Yrs (11) Mos (25) Das
TAMS: (3) Yrs (9) Mos (4) Das

4. **BASIS ADVANCED FOR REVIEW:** Appln (DD Fm 293) dtd 27 Apr 05.
(Change the Reason and Authority for Discharge)

ISSUES ATTACHED TO BRIEF.

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1. Applicant's Issues.
2. DD Form 214.
3. Notification Memorandum.
4. Memorandum For 347 MDSS/CC, 29 Jul 04.
5. Psychiatric Inpatient Evaluation, 28 Jul 04.

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Continuation DD Form 293

Block 6. Issues: Why an upgrade or change is requested and justification for the request:

I was discharged from the Air Force on August 23, 2004 and given an honorable discharge. I am requesting that the narrative reason for separation be changed. The narrative reason for discharge currently reads "Personality Disorder". I am requesting it be changed to Secretarial Authority with a Separation code of "JFF".

It is obvious I was having some severe problems while in the Air Force. I was under some severe stress and this affected my behavior. Since my discharge I have worked very hard on my problems and am now living a normal life. Once I was able to cope with the stressful situations I was experiencing things began to turn positive.

The reason I am requesting the change in the narrative reason for discharge and separation code is so I will have a better chance in the job market. Finding employment in today's job market is difficult at best. Many employers request a copy of your Report of discharge. Once they read the narrative reason for discharge they hesitate to hire someone with potential personality disorders.

My service in the Air Force was honorable and I am only asking for this minor change so that I may be competitive in today's job market. Please consider my request and make the requested changes.

With the positive changes I have made in my life and learning to cope with my problems I hopefully have a bright future. My only problem now is finding suitable employment because of the notation on my DD Form 214. Please assist me by making the requested changes.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
347TH MEDICAL SUPPORT SQUADRON (AFSOC)
MOODY AIR FORCE BASE, GEORGIA

FD2005-00179

10 Aug 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR SRA [REDACTED]

FROM: 347 MDSS/CC

SUBJECT: Notification Memorandum

1. I am recommending your discharge from the United States Air Force for Conditions That Interfere With Military Service: Mental Disorders - Personality Disorder. The authority for this action is AFD 36-32 and AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.9.1. If my recommendation is approved, your service will be characterized as an Honorable Discharge.

2. My reason for this action is:

- a) You recently received a psychiatric evaluation at Moody Air Force Base, GA, by Clinical Psychologist, Dr. (Capt) [REDACTED], Clinical Psychologist, which revealed that you are suffering from a primary diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder (Axis II) as well as Adjustment Disorder with Mixed Anxiety and Depression (Axis I), Non-contributory (Axis III), and Maladjustment to current social and occupational situation (Axis IV) (Atch 1c). You were admitted to Greenleaf Psychiatric Hospital, Valdosta, GA for elicited suicidal ideation.
- b) On 23 Jul 2004, you were transferred to Psychiatry Ward 4SW, Naval Hospital Jacksonville for further treatment. During your evaluation with Dr. [REDACTED] psychiatrist, you stated you experienced fleeting suicidal ideation for the last month or two. You also admitted at least four episodes in your life to harm yourself as well as a history of wrist cutting and self-mutilating behaviors (Atch 1a). Dr. Rymn concluded that your condition is deemed unsuitable for continued military service (Atch 1b). Dr. Hatfield recommends military separation.
- c) Furthermore, your condition has severely impaired your performance in the unit and has adversely affected the unit mission. In fact, your disorder is so severe that your ability to function effectively in the military environment has been significantly impaired; findings of which are outlined in my memorandum dated 3 Aug 04 (Atch 1d).

3. Copies of the documents to be forwarded to the separation authority in support of this recommendation are attached. The commander exercising SPCM jurisdiction or higher authority will decide whether you will be discharged or retained in the United States Air Force. If you are discharged, you will be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force and any special pay, bonus, or education assistance funds may be subject to recoupment. The separation authority will make the findings and recommendations required under 10 U.S.C. Section 2005(g).

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4. 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 Captain [REDACTED] at 5107 Austin Ellipse, on 10 Aug 2004, at 1500 hours. You may consult civilian counsel at your own expense.
5. 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 Aug 2004 unless you request and receive an extension for good cause shown. I will send them to the separation authority.
6. 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.
7. You have been scheduled for a medical examination. You must report to Public Health Section, Building 970 on 11 Aug 2004, at 0730 hours for the examination with your medical records.
8. 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 at 347 RQW/JA, Legal Office, 5109 Austin Ellipse, Ste 1, Moody AFB, GA 31699.
9. Execute the attached acknowledgment and return it to me immediately.

[REDACTED]

Commander, 347th Medical Support Squadron

Attachments:

1. Supporting Documents
 - a. Narrative Summary, Naval Hospital Jacksonville, dated 27 Jul 2004
 - b. Memorandum from Jacksonville Naval Hospital, dated 28 Jul 2004
 - c. Memorandum from Life Skills, dated 29 Jul 2004
 - d. Unit Impact Memorandum, dated 3 Aug 2004
 - e. Report of Investigation, dated 4 Aug 2004
2. Receipt of Notification Memorandum