

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03349

COUNSEL: NONE

FEB 19 1999

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His separation and reenlistment eligibility (RE) codes be changed.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

All courses of treatment in the alcohol rehabilitation program were completed successfully.

All requirements for related items were met.

By completing all requirements, the RE code should have reflected a code which would allow him to reenlist.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provided a personal statement, several supportive statements, and copies of his DD Form 214 and separation orders.

Applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 19 Nov 86 for a period of four years in the grade of airman basic. During his service on active duty, he was progressively promoted to the grade of airman first class.

Applicant's Airman/Enlisted Performance Report (APR/EPR) profile follows:

PERIOD ENDING	EVALUATION
18 Nov 87	9
2 Nov 88	9
2 Sep 88	8

An entry in the applicant's medical records, dated 1 Dec 87, indicates that the applicant referred himself to Social Actions as an alcohol abuser and was medically evaluated for his drinking style. He received a diagnosis of alcohol abuse and was entered into the alcohol rehabilitation program. An entry in his medical records, dated 19 Jul 88, indicates that the applicant was removed from the program prior to completion because separation was "pending."

On 4 May 89, the applicant requested that he be voluntarily separated for miscellaneous reasons on 1 Jun 89. The applicant indicated that the reason for the request was that he applied for and had been accepted to work as an aircraft maintenance technician at Laughlin AFB, Texas.

On 19 May 89, the base commander recommended that the applicant's request be approved. He indicated that it would be in the best interest of the Air Force to allow the applicant to separate. He also indicated that the applicant was ineligible to apply for Palace Chase because he was ineligible to reenlist.

The applicant was honorably discharged on 9 Jun 89 under the provisions of AFR 39-10 (Voluntary Miscellaneous Reasons). He was assigned a separation code of KND and an RE code of 2H (Participating in the alcohol rehabilitation program IAW AFR 30-2, or has failed to complete the alcohol rehabilitation program). He was credited with 2 years, 6 months, and 21 days of active duty service.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Programs and Procedures Branch, AFPC/DPPRS, reviewed this application and recommended denial. DPPRS noted that the applicant applied for voluntary miscellaneous discharge on 4 May 89, stating he desired to separate early in order to work as a civil servant at Laughlin Air Force Base (AFB) as an aircraft technician. The commander recommended approval of the request for early discharge and indicated the applicant was ineligible for Palace Chase separation because he was ineligible for reenlistment.

According to DPPRS, the correct separation code of "KND" was assigned and reported on the DD Form 214. The discharge complied with directives in effect at the time of the applicant's discharge. His records indicated that the applicant's military service was reviewed and appropriate action was taken. The applicant did not identify any specific errors in the discharge processing nor provided facts which warrant a change in his reason for separation.

A complete copy of the DPPRS evaluation is at Exhibit C.

The Skills Management Branch, AFPC/DPPAE, reviewed this application and recommended denial. DPPAE noted that the applicant received an RE code of 2H (Participating in the alcohol rehabilitation program in accordance with (IAW) AFR 30-2, or has failed to complete the alcohol rehabilitation program. According to DPPAE, an extract from the applicant's medical records, dated 19 Jul 88, confirmed that the applicant did not complete the alcohol rehabilitation program. In addition, the Commander, 47th Air Base Group, referred to the applicant's reenlistment ineligibility in a memorandum dated 19 May 89.

A complete copy of the DPPAE evaluation is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:
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A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to applicant on 27 Jan 98 for review and response. AS of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit E).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:
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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 probable error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case. However, we find it insufficient to override the rationale provided by the respective Air Force offices of primary responsibility (OPRs). The evidence of record reflects that the applicant voluntarily separated from the Air Force, and, that he did **so** without successfully completing alcohol rehabilitation. Therefore, his separation and RE codes accurately reflect the reason for his separation and his status vis-a-vis the alcohol rehabilitation program at the time of his separation. In view of the above, and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we adopt the Air Force rationale and conclude that no basis exists upon which to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:
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The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of probable 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 this application in Executive Session on 1 Dec 98, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mr. Michael P. Higgins, Panel Chair
Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler, Member
Mr. William E. Edwards, Member

The following documentary evidence **was** considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 30 Oct 97, w/atchs.
Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPPRS, dated 10 Dec 97.
Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPPAE, dated 13 Jan 98
Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 27 Jan 98.


MICHAEL P. HIGGINS
Panel Chair