

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

AUG 14 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00034

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] COUNSEL: [REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: Yes

Applicant requests that his reason for discharge (*Conditions that Interfere w/Military Service-Not Disability-Personality Disorder*) and his reenlistment eligibility (RE) code of "2C" (*Involuntarily Separated under AFR 39-10 w/Honorable Discharge*) be upgraded to a classification more indicative of his character. *[Applicant apparently obtained a waiver of his RE code and is a sergeant in the Army Reserves.]* Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant and his counsel for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

We note that the Air Force Discharge Review Board (AFDRB) considered and denied a similar request. After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion and the brief prepared by the AFDRB appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been sufficiently rebutted by applicant's counsel. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The documentation provided with this case was sufficient to give the Board a clear understanding of the issues involved and a personal appearance, with or without legal counsel, would not have materially added to that understanding. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Ms. Martha Maust, Mr. Richard A. Peterson, and Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler considered this application on 4 August 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

Martha Maust
Panel Chair

Exhibits :

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinions
- D. AFBCMR Ltrs Forwarding Advisory Opinions



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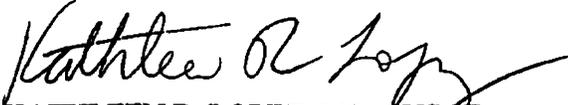
MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

16 JAN 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPAES
550 C Street West Ste 10
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Record - [REDACTED]

A review of applicant's case file was conducted. The Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) Code "2C" is correct. The type of discharge drove assignment of the RE code.


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Dir of Personnel Program Management

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10 February 1998

Memorandum for the AFBCMR

From: BCMR Medical Consultant
1535 Command Drive, EE Wing, 3rd Floor
Andrews AFB MD 20762-7002

Subject: **Application for Correction of Military Records**
[REDACTED]

Applicant's entire case file has been reviewed and is forwarded with the following findings, conclusions and recommendations.

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant was discharged under the provisions of AFR 39-10 on 16 August 1985 ~~after~~ 8 months and 13 days on active duty ~~after~~ being diagnosed with a personality disorder. He now applies requesting the records be changed to show a different reason for discharge and a change in his reenlistment code "to a classification ~~more~~ indicative of (his) character".

FACTS: The records indicate the applicant began his duties as a medical administrative specialist at [REDACTED] AFB in April 1985, and almost from the onset had difficulties with interpersonal communication and interactions. A well-documented history of counseling sessions is found along with memoranda for record that detail his on-going difficulties and lack of interest in his duties. He was commander-referred for a **mental** health evaluation on 15 July 1985 that resulted in the diagnosis of "atypical personality disorder with narcissistic and schizoid features" which interfered with his military duties/training and he was discharged because of the medical condition. He was 21 years old at the time.

Since his discharge, he has been waived for service in the Army **reserve** which continues to this day, and **has** received several promotions and has numerous **letters** supporting his exemplary performance in both civilian and military sectors. A brief visit on 27 June 1988 with a consulting psychiatrist during his Army application process reported: "At this interview applicant is not domineering nor aggressive nor narcissistic. He manifests no psychiatric or psychological disorder".

The applicant had previously submitted an application to the BCMR in June 1986 for record correction, but this apparently was not acted upon in lieu of first being considered by the SAFPC Discharge Review Board. He applied for this review in June 1986, also, but **withdrew** his request for a personal appearance before the Board in April 1987. A request for a non-**personal** appearance DRB review was submitted on 15 December 1996, nine years later, and **his** case was reviewed on 21 November 1997, denying his request for a change of reason for discharge.

DISCUSSION: This case contains strong documentation that the applicant was not able to function in his work environment in his initial duty assignment and that little effort was expended on **his** part to correct the problem. He **reportedly** antagonized almost everyone with whom he interacted, on occasion correcting higher ranking personnel in inappropriate circumstances (i.e., promotion ceremonies). The diagnosis of personality disorder was made by competent **medical** authority, apparently in a single interview session. While such diagnoses **are** most commonly

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made after lengthier periods of observation, nothing precludes arriving at the diagnosis in a single interview setting, particularly with appropriate supplementary information provided from other informants (e.g., his supervisors). He was properly evaluated by the evidence of record. There is no evidence of error or irregularity in the processing of this case. Action and disposition in this case are proper and reflect compliance with Air Force directives which implement the law.

RECOMMENDATION: The Medical Consultant is of the opinion that no change in the records is warranted and the application should be denied.



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