

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

SEP 15 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00600

COUNSEL: [REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: Yes

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

Her DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, Block 24, Character of Service, be corrected.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The reasons the applicant believes the records to be in error or unjust and the evidence submitted in support of the appeal is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The relevant facts pertaining to this application, extracted from the applicant's military records, are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force. Accordingly, there is no need to recite these facts in this Record of Proceedings.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief Medical Consultant, AFBCMR, reviewed the application and states that the stated narrative reason for the applicant's separation on DD Form 214 is "Personality Disorder," an incorrect application of that diagnosis under AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.11.1 which was the basis for her discharge ("Conditions that Interfere with Military Service, Mental Disorders"...Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Acute, with Delayed Onset) as no other codeable diagnosis is available in the current list of Separation Program Designators (SPDs). Since she was not diagnosed as having such a personality disorder, it is unfair to have this erroneous label applied. However, the uncharacterized type of service she received in being separated within 6 months of entry is proper. The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that the

applicant's request for a change in characterization of her service not be granted, but that the narrative reason for discharge on her DD Form 214 be changed to "Secretarial Authority," with a SPD code of "JFF."

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

The Separations Branch, Directorate of Personnel Program Management, AFPC/DPPRS, reviewed the application and states that they concur with the AFBCMR Medical Consultant's recommendation that applicant's narrative reason for separation should be changed to "Secretarial Authority" with a SPD of "JFF" and her reentry code be changed to "3K." Applicant's characterization of service should remain the same since she did not complete 180 days continuous active service.

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation is attached at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Complete copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant on 22 June 1998, for review and response. As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. The Board notes that the BCMR Medical Consultant and the Air Force recommends changing the narrative reason for separation on the DD Form 214 to "Secretarial Authority," the SPD code to "JFF," and the reenlistment eligibility code to "3K." Therefore, we recommend the applicant's records be corrected to the extent indicated below. In regards to the applicant's request for a change in the characterization of her service, the Board notes that applicant served 3 months and 28 days of total active military service. We also note that airmen are given an uncharacterized service characterization when separation action is initiated against them in the first 180 days of continuous

active service. Therefore, we do not recommend changing the characterization of her service. In view of the foregoing, the Board recommends applicant's records be corrected to the extent indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

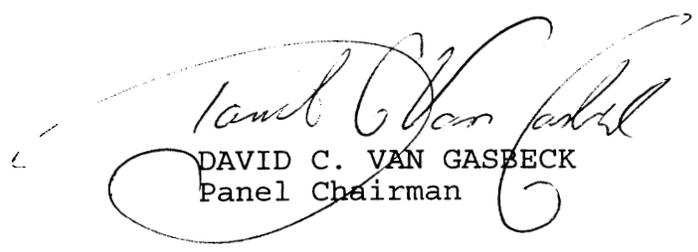
The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that on **19 February 1998**, she was discharged under the provisions of **AFI 36-3208**, Secretarial Authority, and issued a reenlistment eligibility code of **"3K"** and a Separation Program Designator of **"JFF."**

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 10 September **1998**, under the provisions of **AFI 36-2603**:

Mr. David C. Van Gasbeck, Panel Chairman
 Dr. Gerald B. Kauvar, Member
 Ms. Rita J. Maldonado, Member
 Ms. Gloria J. Williams, Examiner (without vote)

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form **149**, dated 20 February **1997**, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, BCMR Medical Consultant, dated **18 May 1998**.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPPRS, dated **9 June 1998**.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFBCMR, dated 22 June **1998**


 DAVID C. VAN GASBECK
 Panel Chairman



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, DC

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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AF'BCMR 98-00600

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the *Air* Force Board for Correction of Military Records and under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code (70A Stat 116), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that on 19 February 1998, she was discharged under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, Secretarial Authority, and issued a reenlistment eligibility code of "3K" and a Separation Program Designator of "JFF."


JOE G. LINEBERGER
Director

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