

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

OCT 29 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00976

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

~~APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:~~

His discharge be characterized as honorable and the narrative reason for his separation be changed.

~~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 are at Exhibit A.

~~STATEMENT OF FACTS:~~

The relevant facts pertaining to this application, extracted from the applicant's military records, are contained in the letters prepared by the appropriate offices 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 this application and states that in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request for a change in the reason for his discharge should be granted. However, the reentry code should remain unchanged as it reflects the required uncharacterized entry level separation.

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

The Separations Branch, AFPC/DPPRS, reviewed this application and states that they concur with the Medical Consultant's recommendation.

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

~~APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:~~

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 3 August 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 a probable error or injustice to warrant changing the narrative reason for the applicant's separation. After thoroughly reviewing the evidence of record and noting the applicant's contentions, we believe the narrative reason for separation improperly labels the applicant's disorder. In this respect, we note the applicant was separated under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Mental Disorders). However, the current AFI regulating separations for these types of problems does not allow coding for other than "Personality Disorder". In order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, we believe his request for a change in the reason for his discharge should be favorably considered. Therefore, as a matter of equity and justice, we recommend his records be corrected to the extent indicated below.
 4. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice to warrant changing the characterization of the applicant's discharge. We note that individuals who complete less than 6-months of continuous active service receive entry level separations and there service is uncharacterized. Since the applicant completed only 17 days of active service, his service was uncharacterized. The applicant has provided no evidence to indicate that his separation was improper or that he was denied rights to which entitled. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis upon which to recommend favorable consideration of his request to change characterization of his discharge.
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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that on 18 July 1997, he was discharged under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, paragraph 1.2 (Secretarial Authority) and issued a Separation Program Designator (SPD) code of "KFF."

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 15 August 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2602:

Mr. Robert D. Stuart, Panel Chair
Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., Member
Mr. Richard A. Peterson, Member
Mr. Phillip E. Horton, Examiner (without vote)

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

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 31 Mar 98, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, BCMR Medical Consultant, dated 3 Jun 98.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPPRS, dated 16 Jul 98.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 3 Aug 98.



ROBERT D. STUART
Panel Chair



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-00976

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] [REDACTED] corrected to show that on 18 July 1997, he was discharged under paragraph 1.2 (Secretarial Authority) and issued a Separation Program Designator (SPD) code of "KFF."


JOE G. LINEBERGER
Director
Air Force Review Boards Agency