



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC

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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-01022

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code, Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that, in conjunction with her entry level separation on 25 October 1996, she was issued a reenlistment eligibility code of "3K," rather than "2C."

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Chief Examiner  
Air Force Board for Correction  
of Military Records

5 May 1998  
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: BCMR Medical Consultant  
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records 

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

REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant voluntarily separated from the Air Force after 17 days in basic military training (BMT) when it was discovered she carried Sickle Cell Trait. She applies now requesting a change in her reentry code that would allow her to return to military service.

FACTS: The applicant received routine blood screening tests after arrival at BMT which showed she carried the genetic trait for sickle cell disease. While having the trait is not, in and of itself, disqualifying for enlistment or continued military service, those who are found to be so affected in BMT are given the option of separating or continuing their military duties. In the applicant's case, she elected to separate, signing a statement that by doing so she would be ineligible to return to military service. She bases her change of mind on receiving further education about her genetic makeup and its potential effects on her future performance capabilities, feeling she would be capable of accomplishing military duty requirements.

DISCUSSION: As AFI 48-123, *Medical Examination and Standards* does not list having the trait as disqualifying for enlistment or continued service, the relief requested by the applicant should be granted.

RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that the applicant's reentry code on her DD Form 214 should be changed to "3K" by authority of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records, and that she be allowed to reenlist in a branch of the United States Armed Forces, if otherwise qualified with the caveat that the existence of the trait would be excluded as justification for any future separation requests. As sickle cell trait is not a disqualifying condition, a waiver to allow her reentry does not seem indicated.

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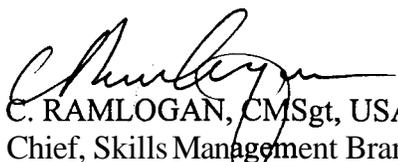
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Record - [REDACTED]

The applicant requests her Reenlistment Eligibility (RE) code changed to a favorable code to permit future reentry into a military service. The applicant was discharged on 25 Oct 96 with an RE code of "2C: Entry level separation without characterization of discharge."

In reviewing applicant's military personnel record, we determined the RE code is correct since it was driven by the reason for discharge. However, the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) Medical Consultant recommends changing the RE code to "3K: Reserved for use by HQ AFPC or the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) when no other reenlistment eligibility code applies or is appropriate."

We defer to the Board to decide whether applicant's case warrants relief. If the Board changes applicant's RE code to "3K," she will be able to apply for a waiver for reentry into a military service, provided all other conditions for enlistment are met.

  
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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Staff and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director of the Board or his designee.

*Martha Maust*  
Panel Chair

Attachments:

1. Ltr, AFBCMR Medical Consultant, dtd 5/5/98
2. Ltr, HQ AFPC/DPPAE, dtd 6/23/98