



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON, DC

Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-01305

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] be corrected to show that on 25 May 1995, he was discharged under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, Secretarial Authority, and issued a Separation Program Designator of "JFF."

 Director **BERGE**  
Air Force Review Boards Agency

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01305

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: YES

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His discharge from the Air Force be declared null and void or invalidate the entry level separation as the type of separation, and change the character of service, separation authority, separation code, reentry code, and narrative reason for separation.

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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.

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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.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The BCMR Medical Consultant reviewed the application and states that the current rules regulating separations for mental health problems do not allow coding for other than "Personality Disorder," an entirely different DSM-IV code sequence from which the applicant was diagnosed. It is not proper to apply an erroneous label to an individual because of a recognized administrative shortfall as has occurred in this case. However, the timing of the applicant's separation within 6 months of entry requires an uncharacterized entry level separation which applies regardless of the reason for separation. The BCMR Medical

Consultant is of the opinion that, in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request for change of reason for discharge be granted. Item 28 of the DD Form 214 should be changed to read Secretarial Authority, and the corresponding Separation Program Designator (SPD) being KFF, IAW AFI 36-3208, paragraph 1.2. The reentry code should remain unchanged as it reflects the mandatory uncharacterized entry level separation for less than 6 months of service.

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

The Separations Branch, Directorate of Personnel Program Management, AFPC/DPPRS, reviewed this application and states that they concur with the AFBCMR Medical Consultant's recommendation that the applicant's reason for separation should be changed to "Secretarial Authority" with a SPD of "KFF." They also concur with the recommendation of no change in the applicant's reentry code or characterization of service since he did not complete 180 days of continuous active service.

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

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant on 31 August 1998, for review and response. As *of* this date, no response has been received by this office.

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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 warranting a change in the reason for his separation. The Board notes that the AFBCMR Medical Consultant recommends changing the narrative reason for separation on the DD Form 214 to "Secretarial Authority," and the SPD code to "JFF." In this respect, the Medical Consultant states that it is not proper to apply an erroneous label to an individual because of a recognized administrative shortfall. In regard to the applicant's other requests, the Board notes that the applicant served 1 month and 27 days of total active military service. We also note that airmen are given an entry level separation with uncharacterized

service characterization when separation action is initiated against them in the first 180 days of continuous active service. In view of the foregoing, the Board recommends the applicant's record be corrected to the extent indicated below.

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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 25 May 1995, he was discharged under the provisions of AFI 36-3208, Secretarial Authority, and a Separation Program Designator of "JFF."

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The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 15 October 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mr. Robert D. Stuart, Panel Chairman  
 Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., Member  
 Mr. Richard A. Peterson, 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 10 April 1998, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, BCMR Medical Consultant, dated 9 July 1998.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPPRS, dated 14 August 1998.
- Exhibit E. Letter, AFBCMR, dated 31 August 1998.



ROBERT D. STUART  
 Panel Chairman

July 9, 1998  
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

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

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 received an entry level separation from basic military training (BMT) on 25 May 1995 after 1 month and 27 days. He applies now to change all aspects of his discharge to other indications which are not specified.

FACTS: The applicant was seen repeatedly for chest pain in the course of his BMT and concern for possible panic attack etiology was raised. He was referred to the Behavioral Analysis Service at Wilford Hall where he was evaluated and determined to have Psychological Factors Affecting a Medical Condition, DSM-IV Code 316.00 along with narcissistic and paranoid personality traits (Note: NOT personality disorder). His psychological makeup was deemed inappropriate for continued military service and he was separated as noted above. According to AFI 36-3208, paragraph 5.1 1.1, Mental Disorders, under which the applicant was separated, "Other disorders, as defined in DSM-IV that interfere with performance and are not within the purview of AFI 36-2902, medical disability process" are considered disqualifying for purposes of such entry level separations.

DISCUSSION: The current rules regulating separations for mental health problems do not allow coding for other than "Personality Disorder," an entirely different DSM-IV code sequence from which the applicant was diagnosed. It is not proper to apply an erroneous label to an individual because of a recognized administrative shortfall as occurred in this case. However, the timing of the applicant's separation within 6 months of entry requires an uncharacterized entry level separation which applies regardless of the reason for separation.

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RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that, in order to correct an injustice of improperly labeling the applicant's disorder, the applicant's request for change of reason for discharge be granted. Item 28 of the DD Form 214 should be changed to read: Secretarial Authority, the corresponding SPD being KFF, IAW AFI 36-3208, paragraph 1.2. The reentry code should remain unchanged as it reflects the mandatory uncharacterized entry level separation for less than 6 months of service.



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS  
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4713

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records [REDACTED]

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman basic, was separated from the Air Force 25 May 95 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Entry level Separation/Personality Disorder) with an uncharacterized discharge. He served 01 month 27 days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting his discharge be declared as null and void or to invalidate the entry level separation as the type of separation, change the narrative reason for separation and reentry code. The advisory provided by the AFBCMR Medical Consultant, 09 Jul 98 gives information concerning applicant's medical condition at the time of his separation. The AFBCMR Medical Consultant also recommends applicant's narrative reason for separation be change since his medical condition was not a personality disorder.

Recommendation. We concur with the AFBCMR Medical Consultant's recommendation that his narrative reason for separation should be changed to "Secretarial Authority" with a SPD of "KFF." We also concur with the recommendation of no change in applicant's reentry code or characterization of service since he did not complete 180 days continuous active service. He has not filed a timely request.

  
JOHN C. WOOTEN, DAF

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Directorate of Personnel Program Management

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