

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-~~01388~~ ^{FEB 24 1999}

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: Yes

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Applicant requests that her uncharacterized, entry level separation be changed to an honorable or medical discharge. Applicant's submissions are 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 for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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 opinions appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. 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. Frederick A. Beaman III, and Ms. Patricia D. Vestal considered this application on 15 December 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 149s (2)
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion

15 June 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


REQUESTED ACTION: The applicant received an entry level separation on 20 November 1997 after completing only a portion of her basic military training (BMT). She appeals for an honorable discharge or a medical separation.

FACTS: The applicant was found to have an eye condition that predated her enlistment and which was not detected on her entrance physical examination, namely a degenerative condition of the central vision resulting in inability to correct her vision to acceptable entrance levels. She related a history of impaired vision prior to her enlistment for which glasses had been prescribed but which did not correct her problem. For uncertain reasons, her uncorrectable condition was not found disqualifying at the time of her physical examination for enlistment, and it was only after arrival at BMT that the true nature of her problem was discovered.

DISCUSSION: The applicant clearly did not meet standards for enlistment in the Air Force, and her entry level separation was properly initiated. As she had less than 6 months of active duty time, the characterization of her service was properly records as "uncharacterized" as is required by directives that govern this situation. She was not eligible for consideration of a medical discharge for the pre-existing condition, and consideration of her request is not recommended.

RECOMMENDATION: The BCMR Medical Consultant is of the opinion that the applicant's request for medical discharge be denied and that the uncharacterized nature of her service remain unchanged.



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRS
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Record [REDACTED]

The applicant, while serving in the grade of airman basic, was separated from the Air Force 20 Nov 97 under the provisions of AFI 36-3208 (Entry level Separation/Failed Medical/Physical Procurement Standards) with an uncharacterized discharge. She served 01 month and 05 days total active service.

Requested Action. The applicant is requesting her discharge status be changed to honorable or medical. She states her basis for her request is because her condition was not explained to her. She feels that it was not her fault. The advisory provided by the AFBCMR Medical Consultant, 15 Jun 98 gives information concerning applicant's medical condition at the time of her enlistment.

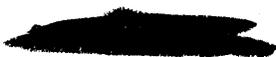
Facts. During basic training, applicant's was notified by her commander and advised that involuntary discharge action was being recommended against her because a medical narrative summary had been received that found she did not meet minimum medical standards to enlist. She should not have been allowed to join the Air Force because of stargardt's disease. Commander advised that if the recommendation for discharge is approved, her discharge would be described as an entry level separation and she will be ineligible for reenlistment in the Air Force. Applicant was advised she had a right to consult counsel and to submit statements in her own behalf. She waived her right to counsel and did not submit statements in her own behalf. On 19 Nov 97, discharge authority reviewed the case and directed applicant be given an entry level separation uncharacterized characterization. Airmen are given entry level separation uncharacterized service characterization when separation action is initiated against them in the first 180 days of continuous active service.

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Recommendation. Applicant did not identify any specific errors in the discharge processing nor provide facts which warrant a change in the characterization of discharge she received. Accordingly, we recommend applicant's request be denied. She has filed a timely request.



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