

SUBCHAPTER H [RESERVED] SUBCHAPTER I—MILITARY PERSONNEL

PART 881—DETERMINATION OF ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE AND DISCHARGE FOR CIVILIAN OR CONTRACTUAL PERSONNEL

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Part 806 of this chapter states the basic policies and instructions governing the disclosure of records and tells members of the public what they must do to inspect or obtain copies of the material referenced herein.

§881.1 Explanation of terms.

(a) *Active military service.* The same as in section 101, title 38, United States Code.

(b) *Applicant.* A person who applies for a discharge based on membership in a group determined by the Secretary of the Air Force to have performed active military service with the US Air Force or a predecessor organization. An application may be made on behalf of such a person, if he or she is deceased or mentally incompetent, by the spouse, next of kin, or legal representative.

(c) *Certified group.* A group that has been determined by the Secretary of the Air Force to have rendered service that constituted active military service.

(d) *Characterization of service.* A determination reflecting a member's behavior and performance of duty during a specific period of service. Under this part, service may be characterized as: (1) Honorable, or (2) Under Honorable Conditions (General Discharge).

(e) *Discharge.* Complete severance from the active military service on

which the application for discharge is based. Also, the assignment of a reason for such discharge and characterization of service.

(f) *Group.* An organization similar to the Women's Air-forces Service Pilots, and whose members rendered service to the Armed Forces of the United States in a capacity considered civilian employment or contractual service at the time such service was rendered.

§881.2 General guidance.

(a) *Group determinations.* Acting as the Executive Agent for the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Air Force will determine whether the service rendered by a group shall be considered active military service for the purpose of all laws administered by the Veterans Administration.

(b) *Individual applications for discharge.* (1) Following the determination by the Secretary of the Air Force that the service of a group is considered active military service, individuals claiming to have been members of that group may apply for discharge to the appropriate military department. Applications made to the Department of the Air Force will be processed according to this part.

(2) If an applicant is determined to have been a member of a certified group, during the dates of its qualification, and the characterization of service is honorable or under honorable conditions, the Secretary of the Air Force or designee will issue a discharge certificate and a DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, to the applicant.

§881.3 Application procedures.

(a) *Who may apply.* Any person who claims to be a member of a certified group may apply for discharge. An application may be made on behalf of such a person, if he or she is deceased or mentally incompetent, by the spouse, next of kin, or legal representative. Proof of death or mental incompetency, as appropriate must accompany such an application.