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Dear Veteran,

In accordance with the 27 January 2025 Executive Order 14184, "*Reinstating Service Members Discharged under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate*," I am contacting you about the opportunity to seek reinstatement in the Air Force, Space Force, Air Force Reserve, or Air National Guard.

As a former Service member involuntarily discharged or involuntarily reassigned to the Individual Ready Reserve, solely for refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, you may be eligible for reinstatement at your former rank with back pay, benefits, bonus payments, or other compensation. Reinstatement carries a mandatory minimum 4-year active duty or reserve service commitment, or minimum 2-year commitment for members eligible to retire within that time. If you are interested in reinstatement, you should contact Air Force Recruiting Service at: [AFRS.HQRSOPA.AccessionsStandards@us.af.mil](mailto:AFRS.HQRSOPA.AccessionsStandards@us.af.mil) who will schedule a pre-screening physical at your nearest Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS).

The results from your MEPS pre-screening physical will be provided to you along with a letter on whether you meet the required medical retention standards. If there are no limiting factors, you should then apply to the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) for consideration by submitting a DD Form 149, *Application for Correction of Military Records*, along with a copy of the medical qualifying letter from MEPS. Should your application be approved, your records will be corrected to reflect continued service as well as any approved back pay, benefits, bonus payments, or other compensation, subject to statutory offsets. The AFBCMR has established an expedited records review process for COVID-19 reinstatements which can be found at: <https://Afrba-portal.cce.af.mil>.

Additionally, I highly encourage you to thoroughly read the provided documents:

- a) Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Welcome Letter,
- b) Financial Benefits of COVID-19 Reinstatement Fact Sheet, c) Medical Benefits Reimbursement for COVID-19 Reinstatement, and d) Guidance for Requesting COVID Reinstatement Correction Board Application Instructions.

We look forward to welcoming you back to service and will be here to support you each step of the way!

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