

(U) To whom it may concern,

(U) Howdy, I am writing this letter in absolute faith and confidence that this will fall into the right hands. I would like to take the opportunity that I have here during my internship in DC to shed some light on my best friend **Noah Deahl**.

(U) Deahl has just recently graduated this past Spring from Texas A&M University after participating four years in the Texas A&M Corp of Cadets under the HSSP Type 7. Deahl graduated with a Bachelors in Mathematics and Military Studies Minor (3.67 GPA); However, his main focus was solely on obtaining a Pilot slot.

(U) Through Dheal's ambitions, he *successfully* obtained a Pilot slot and was afforded the privilege to travel to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio for his Flight physical. Deahl performed well through his physical training until the eye-exam where the medical professional disqualified him due to what is specifically called 'optic nerve drusen'. Despite the unfortunate discovery, Deahl was not deterred as his goal was always to be operating within the Air Force.

(U) Deahl did receive a second opinion from a certified Ophthalmologist (Eric Dai, MD) which suggests that the diagnosis is benign; However, the reason for me composing this letter is not to argue the diagnosis.

(U) Deahl was initially reassigned to Aircraft Maintenance. Even after, Deahl was extremely ecstatic simply because he knew he would still be helping support the mission of the USAF.

(U) Unfortunately, shortly after receiving notice that he would be disqualified from his pilot slot, Deahl received a letter from the USAF stating that he is *completely* disqualified from any position (both as a pilot and general officer) due to the medical diagnosis he received while in Wright-Patterson Air Force base. Deahl is now stranded from his career that he has worked tirelessly for four years. If Deahl never sought to obtain a pilot slot and instead enter the USAF as a civilian, he would have never even been aware of such an eye condition and would continue on without issue.

(U) I would like to take the time to attest to Deahl's utmost integrity and respect with any situation or person he encounters. Out of the many people I have seen throughout my life, Deahl shines through. Even through this hardship Deahl is currently facing, he remains steadfast and content with the plans God has his way. I would not take the risk of potentially embarrassing myself or the USG as a whole if I did not fully believe in the qualities and value that Deahl would add to the United States Air Force. As a life-long friend, I can not stress Deahl's compassion, integrity, and eagerness to serve the United States Government enough.

(U) I, with all my gratitude and appreciation for whoever is reading this, urge you to please look into Deahl's situation for a further evaluation. Deahl is virtually stranded on a career level. He is currently still in College Station, Texas working two full-time jobs as he attempts to figure out his

options. I realize that time is so valuable, especially in DC, and surely anyone that reads this is sure to be extremely busy with their work and responsibilities; However, I would like to thank you so much for the time and consideration into a matter that could easily determine the future of Deahl's life.

Sincerely,
Josh S.



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