

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03048

**JUN 16 1998**

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that his records be corrected to reflect award of the Purple Heart. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As *of* this date, no respons'e 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 opinion 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 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 Mr. Wayne R. Gracie, Ms. Rita S. Looney, and Ms. Ann L. Heidig considered this application on 28 May 98 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.

*Wayne R. Gracie*

WAYNE R. GRACIE  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FEB 18 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA  
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149) -  
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We have carefully reviewed the complete case file and records as requested by your 5 February 1998 letter for consideration of entitlement to the Purple Heart (PH). Our comments are listed below.

We recommend denial of applicant's most recent request (DD Form 149, dated 6 October 1997) for award of the PH. To be awarded the PH, a member must provide documentation to support he was wounded as a direct result of enemy action and must have received medical treatment by medical personnel. Applicant's records, statement, medical documents recorded do not support his claim. Member did not provide any eye witnesses to substantiate his claim.

On 8 December 1997, we requested member provide additional documentation within 60 days. We have not received any additional documentation as of this date.

With the above information, we must recommend denial of his request. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at DSN 487-5880/5889.

  
KATHLEEN D. VALVERDE, SSGT, USAF

NCOIC, Purple Heart Review Board  
Recognition Programs Branch