

RECORD OR PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

DEC 08 1998

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03566

IN THE MATTER OF:

[REDACTED]

COUNSEL: None

[REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: No

He be awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SASM).

The reasons the applicant believes the records to be in error or unjust and the evidence submitted in support of the appeal are at Exhibit A.

The relevant facts pertaining to this application, extracted from the applicant's military records, are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force. Accordingly, there is no need to recite these facts in this Record of Proceedings.

The Recognition Programs Branch, AFPC/DPPRA, reviewed this application and states that without documentation that reflects the inclusive dates the applicant was in Saudi Arabia, they cannot verify his eligibility for the SASM. Therefore, they recommend denial of applicant's request.

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A complete copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 9 March 1998, for review and response. As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Although the applicant has been unable to provide documentation to indicate the inclusive dates he was in Saudi Arabia, we believe he has provided sufficient evidence 'to indicate that he should be awarded the SASM. In this respect, we note the applicant has provided copies of his EPRs, closing 19 January 1994, and 19 January 1995, which indicate he was deployed to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. In addition, the applicant has provided a copy of this TDY orders assigning him to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Therefore, we recommend his records be corrected to the extent indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected by amending the Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD Form 214, Item 18, Remarks, to reflect that he was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 19 August 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2602:

Mr. Thomas S. Markiewicz, Panel Chair
Mr. Walter J. Hosey, Member
Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., , Member
Mr. Phillip E. Horton, Examiner (without vote)

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 21 Nov 97, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPPRA, dated 25 Feb 98.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MIBR, dated 9 Mar 98.


THOMAS S. MARKIEWICZ
Panel Chair



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records **and** under the authority of Section **1552**, Title **10**, United States Code (**70A Stat 116**), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected by amending the Certificate of Release or **Discharge from Active Duty**, DD Form 214, Item **18**, Remarks, to reflect that he **was** awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal.


JOE G. LINEBERGER
Director
Air Force Review Boards Agency