

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00385

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

The Specialty Number and Title (Block 25a) on his DD Form 214 be corrected.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

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.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, USAF Classification Branch, AFPC/DPPAC, reviewed the application and states that the applicant's Primary AFSC (PAFSC) of C43250, met the minimum skill level requirement to hold the grade of staff sergeant. According to AFR 39-33A, Enlisted Personnel, Separation Processing, the governing directive at the time of applicant's separation, item 25a, of the DD Form 214 reflected the Utilization Air Force Specialty title and code (Duty AFSC). The records indicate applicant was performing duty in AFSC 42133 at the time of separation and therefore item 25a reflects his DAFSC of 42133. Item 32 correctly reflects his PAFSC of C43250. Accordingly, they recommend applicant's request be denied.

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

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant reviewed the Air Force evaluation and states that he was a jet engine mechanic (43250), properly trained by the Air Force. As a result of this training, his civilian career with United Airlines was jet engine work.

He states he was ordered to teach Atlas missile systems. No AFSC existed for this career field. As a temporary measure the Air Force assigned the AFSC 42133 which was also the AFSC for ground equipment. He completed the tech school for Atlas MSAT. At the completion of the training, when an AFSC was generated for the Atlas MSAT he was disqualified because of color blindness. He states he was exiled from performing any duty for which he had been trained. The Air Force requested that he take an early discharge. He states he couldn't do this because his wife was eight months pregnant. With only two or three months of military service remaining he was assigned to a clean up detail in the training building that he had just graduated from. He requested assignment to a career field for which he had been trained. Instead he was assigned to a civilian ground power unit. He states that he performed absolutely no duty in the career field 42133. He asks, how could he? He had not received one day of formal training in that career field. He further states that now it is expedient to say he was performing duty as a (42133) and discharged as a 3-level. It is also true to say he never performed one day of duty as a (42133). The true facts of this case are his last bona fide duty was a jet engine mechanic at Mather AFB. He states it was an error to assign a temporary AFSC, and to not check to see if he would be qualified for the career field that he was being assigned.

He states that he did not create this boondoggie, but he is certainly a victim of this breakdown of the system. He is unhappy about this because it is a reflection on him and his military career. He does not believe any sergeant would or should accept a discharge that is not truly accurate and does not show the proper skill level.

Applicant's complete response is attached at Exhibit E.

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.

2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file,

3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. After reviewing the evidence of record, we are convinced that applicant received training and performed duties as a jet engine mechanic. While he may not have been performing duties in this career field during his last few months in the Air Force, we do believe that it was his last career field in which he performed duties for which he was trained. In view of the above finding, we recommend his records be corrected to the extent indicated below.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that Block 25a, Specialty Number and Title, on his DD Form 214, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge, reads Jet Engine Mechanic (C43250), instead of AppAcft GrdSupEquip Repmn C42133.

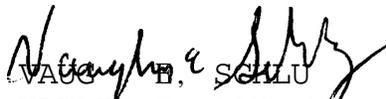
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The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 29 October 1998, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Mr. Vaughn E. Schlunz, Panel Chair  
 Mr. Loren S. Perlstein, Member  
 Mr. Terry A. Yonkers, Member  
 Ms. Phyllis L. Spence, Examiner (without vote)

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

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 30 Jan 98, w/atchs.  
 Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.  
 Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPPAC, dated 2 Jun 98.  
 Exhibit D. Letter, AFBCMR, dated 13 Jul 98.  
 Exhibit E. Applicant's Response, dated 13 Jul 98.

  
 VAUGHN E. SCHLUNZ  
 Panel Chair



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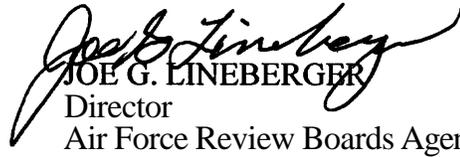
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

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:

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JOE G. LINEBERGER  
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Air Force Review Boards Agency