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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00638

[REDACTED]

COUNSEL: None

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HEARING DESIRED: No

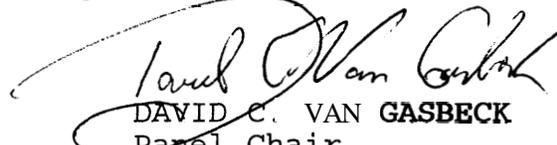
Applicant requests that his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty) be corrected to reflect award of the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

As noted by the Air Force, in their advisory opinion of 7 May 98 (Exhibit C), applicant is entitled to the National Defense Service Medal, which has been added to his DD Form 214. Therefore, the only issue under consideration by this Board is his request for award of the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. 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 response 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 further corrective action. We are in full agreement with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion. Therefore, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting any additional relief.

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. David C. Van Gasbeck, Ms. Patricia D. Vestal, and Mr. Edward H. Parker considered this application on 5 November 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.



DAVID C. VAN GASBECK  
Panel Chair

Exhibits :

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER  
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

7 May 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRA  
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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)  
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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect award of the National Defense Service Medal and Small **Arms** Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant provided a copy of his DD Form 214.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 30 Sep 86-29 Sep 90. His DD Form 214 reflects award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 2 **Oak** Leaf Clusters, Air Force Longevity Service Award, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

b. Applicant is also entitled to the National Defense Service Medal, which has been added to his DD Form 214, and a medal set sent to him.

c. This office requested documentation to substantiate the applicant's claim for the Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon on 12 Mar 98, since there is nothing in his records to indicate he is eligible for this award. There was no response.

4. DISCUSSION. The applicant has nothing in his records to show that he earned the Small **Arms** Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and he did not provide any, even after being requested to do so. We can not verify his eligibility for this award.

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5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to be awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

FOR THE COMMANDER,



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