

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-01432

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COUNSEL: [REDACTED]

HEARING DESIRED: YES

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Applicant requests that he be awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM), or other appropriate expeditionary medal, for his service in direct support of operations in Grenada between 23 October 1983 and 21 November 1983. 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 and counsel for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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

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 or his counsel. 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 applicant's case is adequately documented and it has not been shown that a personal appearance with or without counsel will materially add to our understanding of the issue(s) involved. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

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. Vaughn E. Schlunz, Mr. Edward C. Koenig, II, and Mr. Kenneth L. Reinertson, considered this application on 17 December 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.



VAUGHN E. SCHLUNZ
Panel Chair

Exhibits :

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



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

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

18 August 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA
550 C Street West Ste 12
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or "other appropriate expeditionary medal."

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant says he was in direct support of operations in Granada during 23 Oct 83-21 Nov 83.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 29 Dec 81-28 Dec 85. His Report of Separation reflects award of the Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V device.

b. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to Service members who participated in the Grenada Operation (URGENT FURY) in Grenada for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days during 23 Oct 83-21 Nov 83.

c. Applicant's records do not contain any indication that he was in Grenada during the specified period or that he participated in Operation URGENT FURY. He was requested, on 5 Jun 98, to provide a copy of his TDY orders and Travel Voucher to substantiate his claim; he did not respond.

4. DISCUSSION. We can not verify that the applicant served in Grenada in direct support of Operation URGENT FURY. Although he had several TDY trips, none were to Grenada (three to Panama, one to Egypt). We can not verify his eligibility for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. There is no other "appropriate expeditionary medal."

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5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to be awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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