

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR 'CORRECTION OF' MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01711

FEB 25 1999

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.

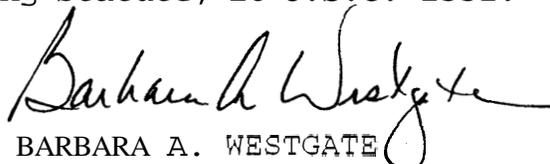
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinions 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 Mrs. Barbara A. Westgate, Mr. Kenneth L. Reinertson, and Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., considered this application on 28 Jan 99 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.


BARBARA A. WESTGATE
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
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
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24 SEP 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA
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SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149) -
[REDACTED]

We have carefully reviewed the complete case file and records as requested by your 11 September 1998 letter for consideration of entitlement to the Purple Heart (PH) on the above named applicant. Our comments are listed below.

We recommend denial of applicant's most recent request (DD Form 149, dated 19 September 1998) 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.

In September 1998, our office reviewed the applicants records in response to his request for the PH. His records were reviewed by the Purple Heart Review Board (PHRB) consisting of review by one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major and one Chief Master Sergeant and the reviewing authority in the grade of Colonel. The PHRB determined on 22 September 1998, the applicant did not have sufficient medical documentation evidence to approve the PH. The medical documents submitted by the Veteran's Affairs Office state only information provided by the applicant.

We do however, feel member's discharge certificate should be corrected to include Prisoner of War Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation and European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four bronze service stars.

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


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