

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01806

FEB 5 1999

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Applicant requests that his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty) be corrected to show his Vietnam service dates and all schools listed and the Vietnam Service Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

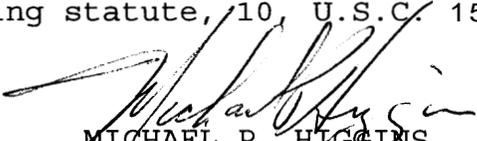
The appropriate Air Force offices evaluated applicant's request and provided advisory opinions to the Board--recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinions were forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinions is at Exhibit E.

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 Mr. Michael P. Higgins, Mr. Richard A. Peterson, and Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler considered this application on 2 February 1999 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

  
MICHAEL P. HIGGINS  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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



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

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

14 July 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRA  
550 C Street West Ste 12  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

- [REDACTED]
1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests his DD Form 214 be corrected to "show his Vietnam service dates" and Vietnam Service Medal.
  2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant provided a copy of a page from his medical files showing one visit, on 18 ~~Mar~~ 68, at the [REDACTED] dispensary.
  3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 27 Jun 62-30 Jun 82. During the period Oct 66-May 68, he was assigned to the [REDACTED]. There is no indication he was TDY to Vietnam, the purpose of a TDY trip, or the length of a TDY trip. He did not provide any TDY orders or Travel Vouchers to verify his claim.

b. Applicant served overseas in [REDACTED] and in [REDACTED]. His tour in [REDACTED] was Dec 74-Dec 75, after the closeout period for award of the Vietnam Service Medal (28 Mar 73).

c. The Vietnam Service Medal is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving at any time during 4 Jul 65-28 Mar 73 in Vietnam, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] in direct support of the operations in Vietnam. To be eligible, a service member must be (1) attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting ground (military) operations; (2) attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; (3) actually participate as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations; or (4) serve on temporary duty (TDY) for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days.

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4. DISCUSSION. Although the applicant served a tour in Thailand, it was over a year after the closeout date for award of the Vietnam Service Medal. Applicant did not provide orders assigning him as a "regularly assigned crew member," TDY orders showing he was assigned to Vietnam in direct support of the operations in Vietnam, or Travel Voucher(s) showing the inclusive dates he was in Vietnam. The only documentation provided was a copy of a medal report showing he reported to a dispensary in Vietnam on 18 Jan 68. On 5 Dec 67 and 3 May 68, entries show he was a [REDACTED]. Applicant **has** not provided any documentation to show he meets the criteria for the Vietnam Service Medal, or any other award or decoration pertaining to that conflict. Specific dates of overseas tours, with names of the country/unit/etc., are not listed on a Report of Separation, except for Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM (Persian Gulf). Without the necessary documentation, we can not verify the applicant's eligibility for the Vietnam Service Medal.

5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to correct his DD Form 214 to "show Vietnam War service dates" and Vietnam Service Medal.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

8 Oct 98

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPAT  
550 C Street West, Suite 10  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4712

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

1. REQUESTED ACTION: Applicant requests the DD Form **214** be amended to reflect "all schools...listed".

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST: Applicant identified several course titles, but initially provided no source documents to verify course completion.

3. FACTS: In order to honor the applicant's request, supporting documentation such as copies of certificates of completion for training or official transcripts for academic courses must be provided to verify training. There are no documents in the applicant's master personnel records to support the request nor did the applicant provide appropriate documentation. A letter was sent (dated: 15 Jul 98) to the individual specifying the need for specific source documents to verify course completion. Applicant was advised to forward documents within **45** days or request an extension if necessary. As of this date, no documents have been forwarded.

5. RECOMMENDATION: Recommend denial of applicant's request since no support documentation is available.

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