

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-02092 FEB 51999

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

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Applicant requests "recognition for a heroic act during Gulf War service." Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

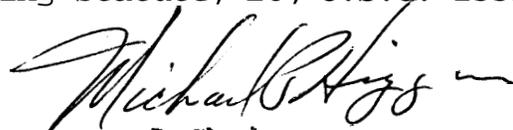
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at 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 opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been sufficiently 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.

  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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



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

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

11 August 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)  
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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests "recognition for a heroic act during Gulf War service."
2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant feels he put **his** own life at risk to ensure the safety of others.
3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 11 Feb 91-8 Jul 96, with TDY to Saudi Arabia 21 Oct 92-15 Jan 93. He was placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List effective 8 Jul 96, and permanently retired effective 4 Feb 98 in the grade of Senior Airman. His DD Form 214 reflects the following awards and decorations:

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| Air Force Longevity Service Award      | Air Force Training Ribbon                    |
| Southwest Asia Service Medal w/3 BSS   | National Defense Service Medal               |
| Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal       | Air Force Outstanding Unit Award w/3 OLC     |
| Air Force Good Conduct Medal           | Small <b>Arms</b> Expert Marksmanship Ribbon |
| Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) | Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)             |

b. Applicant was an ITT tour director while in Saudi Arabia. While on a tour, he stopped the bus for the members to see a herd of camels. As the camels moved off, the members followed them to get into camera range. When they were about 300 yards from the bus, gunshots were fired. The applicant ran back to the bus, backed it up so the members could get on board, then drove off.

c. Applicant has provided no documentation or statements to verify his claims. No recommendation for a decoration has been submitted for the applicant. An individual can not recommend himself/herself for a decoration.

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4. DISCUSSION. The applicant has not provided any statements from individuals with first-hand knowledge of the incident he describes. Since he was in charge of the tour and driving the bus, it was his responsibility to ensure that the tour group was not endangered. It is considered foolhardy, in a war zone, to wander off from a tour bus for such a distance without a local guide. [Note: While reviewing the applicant's records, several discrepancies were noted on his DD Form 214, which have since been corrected (see attached).]

5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to be recognized "for a heroic act during his Gulf War service."

FOR THE COMMANDER



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Dear [REDACTED]

This is not in response to your 30 Jun 98 Application for Correction of Military Record requesting recognition for a heroic act during your Gulf War service. This office is responsible for determining Air Force members' eligibility and entitlement to awards and decorations, and your case was sent to us for review.

While reviewing your records, we noticed several discrepancies and errors on your DD Form 214, which need to be corrected. Under Item 12f, there is no Foreign Service listed; your **TDY** to Saudi Arabia should be listed. Item 13 reflects award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 devices—it should read with 1 Bronze Service Star, since you were in Saudi Arabia during only one campaign period; the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was not authorized for that period and should be deleted; the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) is awarded to personnel who were in the Area of Responsibility 17 Jan 91 to 28 Feb 81 only—since you were not there during that time period, you are not eligible for this award, and it should be deleted. Item 18 lists the incorrect dates you were in the Area of Responsibility, and this has been corrected.

Your records have been forwarded to the appropriate office to have your DD Form 214 corrected, and you will hear from them in separate correspondence. After your records have been corrected, your case will be forwarded to the Board. Thank you for your patience.

Sincerely

GEORGIA A. WISE, DAFC  
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