

ADDENDUM TO
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00212

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: YES

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. He be entitled to the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM).
2. He be entitled to the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM).

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On 25 Jul 2012, the Board considered and denied a similar appeal. For an accounting of the facts and circumstances surrounding the applicant's request and the rationale of the earlier decision by the Board, see the Record of Proceedings at Exhibit G (with Exhibits A through F).

In a letter, dated 15 Jan 2013, the applicant submitted a request for reconsideration. He included letters from two crew members who stated they served with the applicant in Vietnam.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit H.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. After careful reconsideration of all the facts and circumstances of the applicant's case, along with the additional documentation provided, it remains the opinion of the Board the applicant has failed to sustain his burden of proof that he has been the victim of an error or injustice in regards to his request for award of the RVCM. The applicant has not provided evidence to show that he served in the Republic of Vietnam for six months; therefore, he does not meet the criteria for award of the RVCM.
2. Notwithstanding the above, sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or injustice to warrant award of the VSM. In this respect, we note that in support of his appeal the applicant provides witness statements from individuals contending that the applicant accompanied them on a deployment to Republic of Vietnam to

install weapons and munitions on F-100 Fighter jets. We also note that his military personnel records reflect he was assigned to the 355 Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS) from 26 Feb 1968 through 11 Jul 1968. According to the Air Force Historical Research Agency, the 355 TFS was assigned to Phu Cat AB, Republic of Vietnam, from 3 Feb 1968 through 4 Jul 1968. In view of the above, we believe, the applicant has provided substantial evidence to support award of the VSM. Accordingly, we recommend the applicant's records be corrected to the extent indicated below.

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 RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 12 Mar 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

All members voted to correct the record as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2012-00212:

- Exhibit G. Record of Proceedings, dated 16 Aug 2012, w/Exhibits.
- Exhibit H. Letter, Applicant, dated 15 Jan 2013, w/attachments.

Panel Chair