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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-02228

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, Item 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* be corrected to reflect award of the following:

1. National Defense Service Medal (NDSM). **(Administratively Corrected)**
2. Air Force Good Conduct Medal (AFGCM). **(No Correction Needed)**
3. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (SAEMR). **(No Correction Needed)**
4. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).
5. Air Force Longevity Service Award.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

In Jan 66, the 436th Attack Wing converted to C-133s and was awarded the AFOUA when he served with them. He served in Canadian Forces Base Goose Bay, Labrador for several short temporary duties (TDY). He served in Furstenfeldbruck Air Base (AB), Germany for 30 days in 1965, in Rhein-Mein AB, Germany for a short TDY, in Lajes AB, Azores for a TDY, and in Chateauroux, France for a TDY.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman second class (E-3) who entered the Regular Air Force on 31 May 62.

On 27 May 66, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from the Regular Air Force and transferred to the Ready Reserve. Item 26 reflects the following awards: SAEMR and AFGCM.

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Dated 31 May 68, according to Reserve Order [Work-Product] the applicant was honorably discharged from the Ready Reserve effective 30 May 68.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award and AFOUA. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, paragraph A14.27.1.1, the Air Force Longevity Service Award is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of four years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the United States Armed Forces or Reserve components. Reserve Component members are credited with the award for each four years of satisfactory military service (earned a minimum of 50 retirement points each year) creditable to a reservist for retirement. The applicant's time of active duty service was 3 years, 11 months, and 27 days, rendering the applicant ineligible for the award.

Additionally, per section A10.4, the AFOUA was established on 6 Jan 54 to recognize numbered units who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement which clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The AFOUA may also be awarded for achievements of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force. The AFOUA is awarded to numbered units such as air forces, air divisions, wings, groups, squadrons, provisional units, and medical facilities. Detachments, operating locations, training sites, and Air Force elements are often included in the parent unit's award; however, they may be considered on their own merit or identified by the parent unit to share in the award, but not both. Unnumbered units may not be nominated for the AFOUA; however, they may be submitted for the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award. Units below squadron level are not eligible for the AFOUA. Based on the applicant's official record and submitted documentation, AFPC/DP3SP was unable to determine the applicant was assigned or attached to a unit who received the AFOUA.

Notwithstanding the above, AFPC/DP3SP was able to administratively correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the NDSM.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 26 Jun 23 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The applicant did not file the application within three years of discovering the alleged error or injustice, as required by Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code, and Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's request to be awarded the AFLSA and AFOUA. Specifically, the applicant does not meet the required active duty service time to be awarded the AFLSA, and verification the applicant was assigned or attached to a unit who received the AFOUA was unable to be determined. Therefore, other than the administrative corrections made above, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

Notwithstanding the above, AFPC/DP3SP was able to administratively correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the NDSM and the AFGCM and the SAEMR was verified and is already annotated on the applicant's DD Form 214. No further correction is needed.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2021-02228 in Executive Session on 5 Dec 23:

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Panel Member

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All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 15 Jun 21.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 23 Feb 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 26 Jun 23.

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Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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