

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-03146

Work-Product COUNSEL: NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

# **APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

Her DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, be amended to reflect her grade as senior airman (E-4) versus airman first class (E-3).

#### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Her DD Form 214 does not reflect her correct rank she received while in service.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force Reserve senior airman (E-4).

On 22 Jul 11, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant enlisted in the Air Force Reserve in the grade of E-3.

According to DD Form 214, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force on 3 Jan 12 and was released from active duty on 2 Sep 12 for completion of required service and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. Her grade reflects E-3.

On 1 Nov 12, according to *Reserve Airman Grade History*, dated 26 Jan 24, the applicant was promoted to the grade of E-4 in the Air Force Reserve.

On 21 Jul 19, according to Reserve Order *Work-Product*, dated 26 Jul 19, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve in the grade of E-4.

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

#### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; DoDI 1336.01, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series); AFI 36-3202, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series); DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service.

Controlled by: SAF/MRB

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Limited Dissemination Control: N/A POC: SAF.MRBC.Workflow@us.af.mil Air Reserve Component (ARC) members on continuous active duty for 90 calendar days or more will be issued a DD Form 214. A DD Form 214 may also be issued to ARC members for completion of less than 90 continuous calendar days of active duty for the following reasons: (1) completion of an initial active duty for training (IADT) regardless of length of time; (2) ordered or called to active duty for support of DoD named Contingency Operation for 30 days or more; (3) or separating for cause (for ARC Airman).

#### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTS recommends denying the application. The applicant's rank is correct as shown based on her duty history in the Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS). During the period of 3 Jan 12 to 2 Sep 12, the applicant's highest grade achieved was E-3.

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 1 Feb 24 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

#### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

- 1. The application was not timely filed.
- 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 ARPC/DPTS and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. There is no evidence in the available record that demonstrates the applicant held the requested rank at the time her DD Form 214 was issued. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records. The Board also notes 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)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

# 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-2023-03146 in Executive Session on 5 Jun 24:



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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 21 Aug 23.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTS, w/atch, dated 26 Jan 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 1 Feb 24.

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.

Signed by: USAF

