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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-00644

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His AF Form 2770, *Assessment and Disposition*, be corrected to show he was diagnosed with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), peptic ulcer disease, and a lower back injury and annotate they were occupational injuries.

a. Change Block I, *Risk*, to read "There is a detected medical condition which would place the individual at increased risk of material health impairment from exposure as specified on attached AF Form 2755"

b. Change in Block IV, *Remarks*, to read "Evidence of occupational injury or illness"

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He had a lower back injury from heavy lifting which was part of his Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC), Air Transportation. His other two occupational illnesses related to his service should be listed as diagnosed in the service. All of these injuries/diseases are well documented in his in-service medical records.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

Dated 22 Jan 95, AF Form 2770, provided by the applicant, indicates under Block I, *Risk*, there is no detected medical condition which would place the individual at increased risk of material health impairment from exposure as specified on the attached AF Form 2755; under Block II, *Limitations*, no restrictions; under Block III, *Further Examination or Treatment*, no requirement; and under Block IV, *Remarks*, no evidence of occupational injury or illness.

On 1 Jul 97, DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, reflects the applicant was honorably discharged in the grade of senior airman (E-4) after serving 3 years, 4

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months, and 25 days of active duty. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation of “Miscellaneous/General Reasons.”

Dated 12 Sep 01, Reserve Order **Work-Product** indicates the applicant was honorably discharged from the AFR, effective 26 Aug 01.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The AFBCMR Medical Advisor recommends denying the application finding insufficient evidence to support the applicant’s request to change his current separation documents. His claimed conditions and dates of the same all occurred or were worked up after the statement of having no occupational injury or illnesses in early 1995. The burden of proof is placed on the applicant to submit evidence to support his request. The evidence he did submit was assessed to not support his request for any change in his documents.

The AF Form 2755 is a form that describes all exposure data that may be involved in certain military occupations. The Medical Advisor cannot see any validated merit to the applicant’s claim simply by the dating of said documents. The document in question, the AF Form 2770, was dated 22 Jan 95, 5 months prior to the initial complaint of back pain (occupational injury) and 13 months prior to having gastrointestinal (GI) complaints and the diagnosis of minimal GERD as well as the rule out of peptic ulcer disease (PUD). Therefore, by simple dating alone, the AF Form 2770 stating “No evidence of occupational injury or illness” was correct at that time. Additionally, none of these conditions were present for a long period of time and there was no evidence any of them were of an intensity that interfered with the performance of his military duties and thus were not unfitting for continued military service.

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 20 Nov 24 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was 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 the AFBCMR Medical Advisor and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s

contentions. Specifically, the Board finds the applicant's AF Form 2770, dated 22 Jan 95, was accomplished before any medical annotations regarding his GERD, peptic ulcer disease, and a lower back injury were entered into his medical records. The burden of proof is placed on the applicant to provide medical evidence of these conditions prior to the date of his AF Form 2770. As it stands, the Board finds this form was accomplished correctly. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, 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-2024-00644 in Executive Session on 18 Dec 24 and 21 Dec 24:

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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 12 Mar 24.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFBCMR Medical Advisor, dated 6 Nov 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Nov 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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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