

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-02147

COUNSEL:

HEARING REQUESTED:

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the following training:

- a. United States Marine Corps Infantry Small Unit Jungle Operations Patrol Course.
- b. Royal Thai Security Force Regiment, Regiment Badge Second Class.
- c. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) Recondo School.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He would like to put closure to his 28-year career by including his training accomplishments on his DD Form 214.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force senior master sergeant (E-8).

On 31 Aug 92, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from the Regular Air Force. He was credited with 28 years, 1 month and 16 days of active service. He was also credited with The following training in Block 14, *Military Education (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed)*: Basic Military Training, 6 weeks, Sep 64; Security Police Supervisor Course, 120 hours, Oct 72; Customs Inspector Course, 3 weeks, Feb 73; OJT Trainer/Supervisor Orientation Course, 30 hours, Aug 76; USAF Senior Non Commissioned Officer Academy, correspondence and Non Commissioned Officer Academy, 6 weeks, Nov 78.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisories at Exhibits C, E and G.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMLWE (Training) recommends denying the applicant's request to have the Infantry Small Unit Jungle Operations and MACV Recondo School course completion reflected on his DD

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Form 214. The applicant provided a certificate showing course completion; however, there was no Personnel Data System (PDS) Code listed on the certificate or found during a search. In accordance with (IAW) the Oracle Training Administration (OTA) Personnel Services Delivery Guide PSDG), for a course to be authorized for update in the member's Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) record, it must have a PDS code associated with it.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPMSSR (DD Form 214) recommends denying the application. The Air Force Training Office serves as the Office of Primary Responsibility with regard to certifying and updating formal training courses into MiLPDS. The DD Form 214 Office pulls formal training courses from that system for placement onto the DD Form 214. IAW the DD Form 214 PSD Guide, the DD Form 214 Office will "list Formal in-service training courses completed during continuous active military service." Formal USAF Schools can be found at <https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/app10-ecta/sitepages/home.aspx>. That is also the website used by the AFPC Formal Training Office to determine what courses are eligible to be updated in MiLPDS. If the training is not captured in MiLPDS through an update, it will not be reflected on the DD Form 214. If Air Force Training is unable to locate the course on the website and perform the update in MiLPDS adding the course, the course will not be listed on the DD Form 214.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

AFPC/DPMSSM (Special Programs) recommends denying the applicant's request to have the Royal Thai Security Regiment Badge updated on his DD Form 214. The wear of foreign badges, decorations, and medals on the service dress uniform is authorized; however, members must request and receive permission to wear foreign decorations they have accepted, IAW Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2903, *Dress and Personal Appearance*. Additionally, IAW DAFI 36-2903, aviation, medical insignia, and parachutist badges are the only foreign badges authorized to be worn on Air Force uniforms. Foreign badges that have not been approved to be worn on an Air Force uniform are not authorized for placement on the DD Form 214.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit G.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 3 Jan 25, 5 Feb 25 and 10 Feb 25 for comment (Exhibits D, F and H), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. 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)*. 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 recommendations of AFPC/DPMLWE, AFPC/DPMSSR and AFPC/DPMSSM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

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-2024-02147 in Executive Session on 8 Apr 25

[REDACTED], Panel Chair
[REDACTED], Panel Member
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 16 May 25.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMLWE, w/atch, dated 25 Nov 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 3 Jan 25.
- Exhibit E. Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, w/atch, dated 5 Feb 25
- Exhibit F. Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 5 Feb 25.
- Exhibit G: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSM, 6 Feb 25.
- Exhibit H: Notification of Advisory to Applicant, dated 10 Feb 25.

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: [REDACTED]