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

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-02160

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: Work...

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His Reserve separation date be corrected to show his service of 20 years and 3 days (19 May 78 - 22 May 98).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His 20-year letter has the incorrect number of days.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force Reserve (AFR) master sergeant (E-7).

On 19 May 78, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the AFR.

On 21 Mar 98, according to AF Form 131, *Application for Transfer to the Retired Reserve*, the applicant requested to be transferred to the Retired Reserve, effective 22 May 98.

According to Reserve Order Work-Product, dated 28 May 98, the applicant was assigned to the Retired Reserve section and placed on the USAF Retired Reserve List effective 22 May 98.

According to Reserve Order Work-Product, dated 3 Jun 98, the applicant was authorized Reservist Special Separation Pay (RSSP) due to being involuntarily separated from the Selected Reserve with 20 plus years of service. He was credited with 20 years of service.

According to AF Form 526, *Air National Guard/Air Force Reserve Point Credit Summary*, dated 18 Jul 98, the applicant's service history was adjusted to reflect unsatisfactory service from 19 May 78 – 18 May 79. His total points accrued thru 18 May 98 reflects 1788 with 20 years of satisfactory service.

On 24 Aug 98, according to the Notification of Eligibility Memorandum, the applicant was notified of his eligibility for retired pay at age 60. He was credited with 1788 points toward retirement as of 18 May 98.

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On 24 Oct 14, according to Reserve Order [Work-Product], dated 30 Sep 14, the applicant was authorized retired pay per 10 U.S.C. Section 12731 and placed on the USAF Retired List. He was credited with 20 years of service.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTT (Transitions) recommends denying the application. A review of the applicant's Military Personnel Record, reflects he submitted an AF Form 131, requesting a retirement effective date of 22 May 98. His request was approved and on 28 May 98, he was issued Reserve Order [Work-Product]. Per the remarks on the retirement order, the reason for retirement was "Retired Under RTAP-20 and > Yrs Sat Svc (involuntary)." The applicant's AF Form 526 reflects 20 years of satisfactory service at the time of his retirement.

On 3 Jun 98, the applicant was issued Reserve Order [Work-Product] due to his involuntary separation. Per the order, it states, "the selected reserve transition program authorizes RSSP to members separated involuntarily from the selected reserve with 20 plus years of service..." Additionally, the order notes the applicant is eligible for RSSP and his service in accordance with 10 U.S.C. Section 12732 was 20 years, 0 months, and 0 days at the time of separation. This coincides with what was on his AF Form 526 at the time of his retirement. The 12732 service (a.k.a. satisfactory service) is documented on the order since it is used in the computation of RSSP. The three days in question by the applicant do not qualify as satisfactory service, but more so as "unsatisfactory" service or longevity. Therefore, those three days were not reported on the order as they do not factor into eligibility nor are they identified as a variable used in the computation of RSSP.

The order was specifically designed to identify those members who were being involuntarily separated and were eligible for RSSP. Also, the form was used to annotate 12732 service, which is what is used to calculate RSSP. The order was not designed to document "unsatisfactory" or longevity 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 13 Jan 25 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 ARPC/DPTT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

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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-2024-02160 in Executive Session on 11 Mar 25:

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Panel Chair

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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 10 Jun 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTT, w/atchs, dated 20 Dec 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 13 Jan 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: USAF

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