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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-2018-01005

*Work-Product*

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

The Board consider his request for the following decorations:

1. Air Force Longevity Service Award
2. Southwest Asia Service Medal, with two Bronze Stars **(Will be partially corrected to add Southwest Asia Service Medal, with one Bronze Service Star)**
3. Kuwait Liberations Medal **(Will be administratively corrected)**

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He was discharged from active duty in 1991 and medals/ribbons he was awarded in support of contingencies are not on his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*. However, the medals are listed on his NGB Form 22, *Departments of the Army and the Air Force-National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service*, when he was released from the Minnesota National Guard in 1994. The error occurred because the medals/ribbons were awarded after he was discharged from active duty.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a former Air National Guard airman first class (E-3).

On 5 Oct 91, DD Form 214 provided by the applicant, indicates he was discharged from the Regular Air Force and credited with 2 years, 4 month and 13 days of active service.

On 15 Jan 94, NGB Form provided by the applicant, indicates he was discharged from the Air National Guard and credited with 4 years, 7 months and 23 days of total service.

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award on the DD Form 214. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, paragraph A14.27.1.1, the Air Force Longevity Service Award is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of 4 years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or Reserve components. The applicant's active duty service dates were from 23 May 89 to 5 Oct 91 for a total of 2 years, 4

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months and 13 days; rendering ineligible for the Air Force Longevity Service Award. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

Notwithstanding, AFPC/DP3SP was able to verify award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal with *one* Bronze Service Star. Per AFMAN 36-2806, paragraph A15.3, the Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all members of the U.S. Armed Forces who served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD or DESERT STORM in one or more of the following areas from 2 Aug 90 through 30 Nov 95: The Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 100 N. latitude and west 680 E. longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Further, three campaigns have been designated for the SWASM and are denoted by a bronze service star (BSS): Defense of Saudi Arabia (2 Aug 90 - 16 Jan 91); Liberation and Defense of Kuwait (17 Jan 91 - 11 Apr 91); and the Southwest Asia Cease-Fire (12 Apr 91 - 30 Nov 95). The applicant's dates of service in Saudi Arabia were between 1 Sep 90 and 1 Dec 90; rendering him ineligible for the Southwest Asia Service Medal with *two* Bronze Service Stars. In addition, they were also able to verify award of the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected as noted.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit B.

**APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 2 Nov 21 for comment (Exhibit C), 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 AFPC/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. 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 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. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, aside from the administrative corrections noted above, the Board finds the application untimely and 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**

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The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2018-01005 in Executive Session on 13 Jul 22:

*Work-Product*, 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 3 Mar 18.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 25 Sep 21.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 2 Nov 21.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR  
Signed by: USAF