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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:**

*Work-Product*

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2018-02950

**COUNSEL:** *Work-Product*

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, dated 10 Jun 64, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- b. Air Force Longevity Service Award
- c. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
- d. Air Force Good Conduct Medal **(Already annotated on applicant's DD Form 214)**
- e. National Defense Service Medal **(Administratively corrected)**

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He is not getting credit for the time he served in the military and should be eligible for the Air Force Longevity Service Award. In addition, he meets the criteria for the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Furthermore, his temporary duty (TDY) assignment supporting his unit's aircraft during the "Cuban Crisis" makes him eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force airman first class (E-4).

On 31 Oct 62, according to Special Order *Work-Product* provided by the applicant, he was issued TDY orders with a proceed on or about date of 5 Nov 62 to Volk Field, Wisconsin for approximately 30 days.

On 10 Jun 64, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged, credited with 3 years, 10 months, and 16 days of active service, and was transferred to the Air Force Reserve with a Terminal Date of Reserve Obligation of 24 Jul 66. Item 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

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On 24 Jul 66, according to Reserve Orders Number **Work-Product** dated 22 Jul 66, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve.

On 12 Feb 19, the applicant was notified he had not exhausted other administrative avenues of relief prior to requesting relief from the AFBCMR. His request was forwarded to the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) for review and/or corrective action and his application to the AFBCMR was closed.

On 19 May 21, the Administrator of the Air Force Evaluation/Recognition Programs Directorate of Personnel Programs provided the applicant with an evaluation of his eligibility for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. The applicant was informed AFPC was able to verify the award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal. Additionally, he was informed the documents he provided did not support verification for the other requested awards and invited him to provide any source documents, in order to verify his eligibility for these awards.

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

**APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/215)*, dated 24 Jun 20, paragraph 1.1. The DD Form 214 and DD Form 215 are documents that separate an airman from the Regular Air Force (10 U.S.C. § 1168, *Discharge or release from active duty: limitations*) or Air Reserve Component Airmen from active duty. It provides an accurate and complete summation of active duty service at the time of transfer, release, discharge, or change of component or status while on active duty. It provides the Air Force with an authoritative source of personnel information for administrative purposes and for making enlistment or reenlistment eligibility determinations.

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying requests for the Armed Force Expeditionary Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, paragraph A14.5 the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, after 1 Jul 58, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. The Joint Chiefs of Staff designates operations that qualify for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, specifies the degree of participation required, and defines the area of operations. Furthermore, service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in the direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of operations (or for the full period when an operation is less than 30 days duration), or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided the support involved entering the area of operations or met one or more of the following criteria: Be engaged in actual combat, or duty which is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area; Is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility while participating in the operation, regardless of time; Accumulate 15 days service (consecutive/nonconsecutive) while participating as a regularly assigned crewmember of an aircraft flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area in direct support of the military operation. One day's service is credited for the first sortie flown on any day. Additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit. Prior to 1 Dec 95, members

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on aircrew status were only required to fly over or into the area of eligibility for one day during the conflict to qualify for the medal. Under no condition will members receive the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and another campaign medal for the same period of service, unless authorized by DoD. The operation in Cuba during the period 24 Oct 62 – 1 Jun 63 is a qualifying operation for the AFEM.

According to paragraph A14.28., the Air Force Longevity Service Award is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of four years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or Reserve components.

According to paragraph A14.33, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Air Force on 28 Aug 62 and made effective on 1 Jan 63. The ribbon is awarded to regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members, who, after 1 Jan 63, qualify as “Expert” with either the M-16 rifle (to include the M-4 and GAU-5) or an issued handgun on the Air Force qualification course, an appropriate orientation course prescribed in other Air Force Instructions, other Military Services’ qualification course, or who satisfactorily complete the Combat Rifle Program. Members who, after 22 Jun 72, qualify as “Expert” with both the M-16 rifle (or M-4 or GAU-5) and an issued handgun, wear a bronze service star on the ribbon. AF Form 522, *Ground Weapons Training Data and USAF Firearms Qualification*, or a letter from the small arms marksmanship monitor is used as the source documentation for this award. Members who qualify as “Expert” provide a copy of the AF Form 522 or letter to the manpower and personnel flight for update in the member’s personnel records.

Based on the applicant’s official military record and documentation provided by the applicant, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. In addition, correspondence was sent to the applicant requesting additional documentation to possibly administratively correct his official record. Unfortunately, a response had not been received. Therefore, in view of the forgoing, he does not meet the established criteria for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

Notwithstanding, they were able to verify award of the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, which is currently annotated on his DD Form 214, dated 10 Jun 62. In addition, they were able to verify award of the National Defense Service Medal and the applicant’s record will be administratively corrected following the Board.

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 22 Nov 22, 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 applicant claims he is authorized the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal because of his TDY in support of the “Cuban Crisis.” However, although the applicant provided Special

Orde *Work-Product* it is insufficient evidence to show he met the criteria for the award. Regarding the applicant's request for the Air Force Longevity Service Award, his DD Form 214 indicates he did not serve the requisite length to qualify for the award. Concerning his request for the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, the applicant provided insufficient evidence, such as AF Form 522 or a letter from the small arms marksmanship monitor that indicates he qualified as "Expert" with either the M-16 rifle or an issued handgun. Therefore, 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 Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 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. Therefore, with the exception of the administrative correction that was made to the applicant's record, 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**

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2018-02950 in Executive Session on 18 May 23:

<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Chair
<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Member
<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 9 May 18.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 10 Nov 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 22 Nov 22.

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.

7/25/2023

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: *Work-Product*