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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-2018-03636

*Work-Product*

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM).

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He was physically awarded the JSAM in Feb 14 by his agency; however, the medal does not appear on his DD Form 214. He spoke to his chain of command and was assured the issue would be resolved, but they eventually stopped responding to him.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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

On 11 Sep 09, DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, indicates the applicant enlisted in the Air Force Reserve for eight years under the Delayed Entry/Enlistment Program (DEP). He was discharged from the DEP and enlisted in the Regular Air Force 27 Apr 10 for a period of four years.

On 26 Apr 14, according to his DD Form 214, he was honorably discharged from the Regular Air Force. He was credited with four years of active service.

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

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the JSAM is awarded in the name of the Secretary of Defense to members of the U.S. Armed Forces below the grade of O-6 who, while assigned to a Joint Duty Assignment after 3 Aug 83, distinguished themselves by outstanding performance of duty, meritorious achievement, or service.

Although the applicant provided a signed certificate for the JSAM, this certificate does not provide the period of recognition and its authenticity cannot be confirmed. While the applicant provides only this certificate, the applicant should have also received a citation to accompany this certificate which was not provided, nor was it in his official Master Personnel Record. Based on the

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documentation provided, to grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

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 28 Oct 21 for comment (Exhibit D), 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)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, 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 Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2018-03636 in Executive Session on 27 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 28 Aug 18.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 2 Oct 21.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 28 Oct 21.

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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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