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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-00642

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

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

1. Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.
2. Foreign Service time in Iraq.
3. Award of the Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM) (**Will be administratively corrected**).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

On 1 Dec 14, he was awarded the AFCM. In 2014, he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. He wants his records to be accurate.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 3 May 10, 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 30 Aug 10 for a period of four years.

On 29 Jan 15, according to the DD Form 214 the applicant was honorably discharged from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve.

On 29 Aug 18, according to Reserve Order *Work-Product*, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3AM recommends denying the applicant's request to add Foreign Service time in Iraq to his DD Form 214. A review of his Master Personnel Records and documentation submitted failed to provide any documents that substantiate Foreign Service time in Iraq.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

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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 E), but has received no response.

AIR FORCE ADDITIONAL EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal as they were unable to verify award of the medal based on the official record and the documentation provided by the applicant. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, paragraph 14.9, the medal was established by EO 13723, to recognize service members who serve or have served honorably in Iraq, Syria or contiguous waters or airspace on or after 15 Jun 14. The medal is awarded to members who, during the period of the award, were permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for 30 days (consecutive or non-consecutive) to a unit operating in the area of eligibility or who meets one of the following criteria, regardless of time spent in the area of eligibility: were engaged in combat during an armed engagement or while participating in an operation or on official duties were killed, or were wounded or injured and medically evacuated from the area of eligibility.

Absent additional documentation verifying the applicant meets the established eligibility criteria, they are unable to recommend award the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by DoD Instruction 1348.33, *DoD Military Decorations and Awards Program* and AFMAN 36-2806.

However, they were able to verify award of the Air Force Commendation Medal. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 28 Oct 21 for comment (Exhibit E), 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 AFPC/DP3AM and AFPC/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, aside from the administrative correction noted above, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

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 Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2019-00872 in Executive Session on 3 Aug 22:

Work-Product [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, dated 12 Sep 18.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 4 Apr 19.
- Exhibit D: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 5 Oct 21.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 28 Oct 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.

3/20/2023

Work-Product [Redacted Signature]

Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF