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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Work-Product

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-00872

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

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

- 1. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, under Special Order Work-Product
- 2. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, under Special Order Work-Product (Will be administratively corrected).
- 3. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, under Special Order Work-Product (Will be administratively corrected).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The awards are not on his DD Form 214 as they were awarded after his discharge.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force sergeant (E-5).

On 1 Nov 71, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

On 31 Oct 75, according to the DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Regular Air Force.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, under Special Order Work-Product DP3SP verifies Air Force Unit Awards with the assistance of Air Force Pamphlet (AFP) 900-2, Unit Decorations, Awards and Campaign Participation Credits, Volumes 1, 2 and 3 and the Air Force Unit Award Database. The AFP 900-2 and Unit Award Database lists units and any of their subordinates, to include Detachments and Operating Locations that share in the award. The Detachments and Operating Locations (OLs) are listed separately if they shared in the award. After further review of AFP 900-2 and an on-line search of the Air Force Unit Award Database, OL-D, Work-Pr. Field Maintenance Squadron, did not receive or share in the award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor awarded to the

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Tactical Fighter Wing. Therefore, they are unable to verify the applicant was assigned or attached to the work-Product, Tactical Fighter Wing under Special Order work-Product, rendering the applicant ineligible for award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.

However, they were able to verify award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for his service under Special Order Work-Product. In addition, the were able to verify the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm for his service under Special Order Work-Product. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected.

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 01 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, aside from the administrative corrections noted above, the Board finds 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 (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:



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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 27 Nov 18.

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

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Exhibit C: 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 Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR Signed by: USAF