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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-2019-00894

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NOT INDICATED

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

The Board consider his request for the:

1. Air Force Good Conduct Medal (AFGCM) (**Will be administratively corrected**).
2. Vietnam Service Medal (VSM).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He should have been awarded the AFGCM. Also, his served 11 months and 19 days in Thule, Greenland and should have been awarded the VSM. As an officer in the American Legion Honor Guard, it is appropriate to wear those ribbons on his uniform.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 8 Oct 58, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

According to AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, the applicant served in *Work-Product* from 20 Sep 61 to 8 Sep 62.

On 11 Sep 62, according to DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, the applicant was honorably discharged from active duty.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying award of the VSM as they were unable to verify the applicant entered the area of eligibility for award of the VSM. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, paragraph A15.2, the VSM is awarded to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Vietnam, contiguous waters, or air space, including service in Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, or their air space, on or after 4 July 1965 through 28 March 1973. To be eligible, members need to serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that time limit may be waived for

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personnel participating in actual combat operations. Per a list of VSM Designated Campaigns, Thule AB, Greenland is not an area of eligibility for the VSM. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by the Secretary of the Air Force in Air Force Manual 36-2806.

Notwithstanding, they were able to verify award of the AFGCM. Accordingly, the applicant’s record will be administratively corrected.

Finally, after a complete review of the applicant’s official military record and the documentation provided, they were able to verify and confirm boots on ground Foreign Service time in Greenland, from 20 Sep 61 to 8 Sep 62, for 11 months and 19 days. Since specific locations are not annotated on a member’s DD Form 214, the applicant will be provided a letter as proof of “boots on ground” for Greenland.

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, aside from the administrative correction noted above, the Board 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:

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	Panel Member
	, Panel Member

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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 25 Nov 18.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, 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.

8/6/2024

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: *Work-Product*