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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-01164

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Report of Transfer from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect service in the Republic of **Work-Product**, the Republic of the **Work-Product**, and **Work-Pro...** and the associated medals.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He served in these areas.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 19 Jun 72, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

On 3 May 76, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. Item 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal. He was not credited with Foreign and/or Sea Service.

On 12 Feb 21, AFPC/DP3AM (Directorate of Assignments) notified the applicant they were able to verify and confirm boots on ground foreign service time in the Republic of the **Work-Product** and **Work-Pro...**. Unfortunately, they were unable to verify the inclusive dates of his service; therefore, they are unable to correct the foreign service on his DD Form 214. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, the applicant was informed he could use their letter as proof of boots on ground for the Republic of the **Work-Product** and **Work-Pro...**

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

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AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying award of the [Work-Product] Service Medal and the Republic of [Work-Product] Campaign Medal. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the [Work-Product] Service Medal was awarded to all members of the United States Armed Forces who served in [Work-Product] or contiguous waters or airspace on or after 4 Jul 65, and before 28 Mar 73. In addition, personnel serving in [Work-Product], [Work-Product] in direct support of operations in [Work-Product] during the same period also were eligible for the [Work-Product] Service Medal. To be eligible, a service member must be: permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for one, or more, days with an organization participating in or directly supporting ground (military) operations; permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for one, or more, days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; have actually participated as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations; have served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days.

According to paragraph A12.10.4, the Republic of [Work-Product] Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm was awarded by the Republic of [Work-Product] to certain units of the U.S. Armed Forces for valorous combat achievement during the [Work-Product] Conflict, inclusive from 1 Mar 61 to 28 Mar 73. Only one Republic of [Work-Product] Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm is worn regardless of the number of awards received.

Per paragraph A12.9.5, the Republic of [Work-Product] Campaign Medal is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who, between 1 Mar 61 and 28 Mar 73, served for six months in South [Work-Product], or served outside the geographical limits of South [Work-Product] and contributed direct combat support to the Republic of [Work-Product] Armed Forces for an aggregate of six months. Only members of the United States Armed Forces who meet the criteria established for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or the [Work-Product] Service Medal during the period of service required are considered to have contributed direct combat support to the Republic of [Work-Product] Armed Forces; or, did not complete the length of service required, but who, during wartime, were: wounded by the enemy (in a military action), captured by the enemy during action or in the line of duty, but later rescued or released, killed in action or in the line of duty; or were assigned in [Work-Product] on 28 Jan 73, and served in [Work-Product] for the entire period between 29 Jan 73 to 28 Mar 73.

After a thorough review of official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were unable to verify the applicant's eligibility for the [Work-Product] Service Medal, Republic of [Work-Product] Gallantry Cross with Palm, and Republic of [Work-Product] Campaign Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

The complete additional advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 20 Jan 23 for comment (Exhibit E) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board 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.

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. While AFPC/DP3AM was able to verify the applicant's Foreign Service in the Republic of the **Work-Product** and **Work-Pro...**, they were unable to verify the inclusive dates of his service and unable to correct the amount of Foreign Service on his DD Form 214. Since Foreign Service locations are not authorized on the DD Form 214, the applicant may use the Boots on Ground Letter as proof of service in the Republic of the **Work-Product** and **Work-Pro...**. Consequently, AFPC/DP3SP was unable to verify the applicant meets the established criteria for the award of the **Work-Product** Service Medal, Republic of **Work-Product** Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the Republic of **Work-Product** Campaign Medal. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's request.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence presented 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2019-01164 in Executive Session on 17 Aug 23:

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 26 Oct 18.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 18 Nov 22.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Jan 23.

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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