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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-01410

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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 Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with subsequent Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (1 BOLC).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was in Recruiting Service from 1991 to 2001. The ribbon was authorized in 2000, and he retired in 2001. He wants to know if he is authorized the ribbon.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force technical sergeant (E-6).

On 31 Mar 01, the applicant was released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. The applicant's DD Form 214, Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects the following: Air Force Commendation Medal with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters (3 BOLCs), Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 BOLCs, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Silver OLC, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars (3 BSS), Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon with 1 BOLC, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 BOLCs, USAF Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Graduation Ribbon with 1 BOLC, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Training Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait). He was credited with 3 years, 9 months, and 29 days of Foreign Service.

On 2 May 19, the AFBCMR staff notified the applicant his request for Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with 1 BOLC was forwarded to the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) for review and/or corrective action. Based on the forgoing, the applicant's case was closed. The applicant was also informed if AFPC was unable to resolve his awards and decorations request, AFPC would resubmit the request to the AFBCMR on his behalf.

On 6 Oct 21, the Board received an AFPC/DP3SP advisory opinion. In view of the applicant's original contention and concerns expressed in his 7 Jan 19 application, the AFBCMR staff reopened the applicant's case in order for the Board to consider the award of Air Force Recruiter Ribbon with 1 BOLC.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends partially granting the applicant's request, indicating he met the 36 month criteria for award of the basic Air Force Recruiter Ribbon. However, they were unable to validate performance as a recruiter for the three additional years of assignment and therefore, recommends denial of any subsequent bronze oak leaf clusters. Approval authority rests with a Recruiting Group Commander; therefore, AFPC is unable to administratively correct the applicant's record.

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 2 Nov 21, for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed, but it is in the interest of justice to excuse the delay.
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 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 substantiates the applicant's contentions in part. Specifically, the Board notes the applicant met the 36 month criteria for award of the basic Air Force Recruiter Ribbon, which is sufficient to justify granting the applicant's request for award of the Air Force Recruiter Ribbon. However, for the remainder of the applicant's request, the evidence presented did not demonstrate an error or injustice, and the Board therefore finds no basis to recommend granting that portion of the applicant's request. Accordingly, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records to the extent indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show the Air Force Recruiter Ribbon was added to his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*.

However, regarding the remainder of the applicant's request, the Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the application will only be reconsidered upon receipt of relevant evidence not already considered by the Board.

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 2.1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2019-01410 in Executive Session on 3 Aug 22:

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Work-Product, Panel Member

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Work-Product, Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 7 Jan 19.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 6 Oct 21.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 2 Nov 21.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: Work-Pro...

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