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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-03318

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NOT INDICATED

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, be amended to include the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He feels he should have received the AFEM for military service from Oct 62 to Jun 63 and for F100 Aircraft support at Homestead Air Force Base from Sep 62 to Dec 62.

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 13 Aug 65, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from active duty having served 3 years, 11 months, and 13 days of total active service. He was also credited with one year, four months, and five days of Foreign and/or SEA Service.

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

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation to possibly provide administrative relief, we are unable to verify award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Florida is not the area of eligibility for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for support of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Unable to verify the applicant was engaged in actual combat, was wounded or injured in the area of eligibility or was a crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operation. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by DoDI/M 1348.33, *DoD Military Decorations and Awards Program*, and AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*.

Per Air Force Manual 36-2806, service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in the direct support of the operations for 30 consecutive days *in the area of operations*, or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided the support involved *entering the area of operations* or met one or more of the following criteria: Be engaged in actual combat; Is wounded

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or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility while participating in the operation; Accumulate 15 days service (consecutive/nonconsecutive) while participating as a regularly assigned crewmember of an aircraft flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area in direct support of the military operation.

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 20 Oct 21 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

## **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed, and the Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement.
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. Therefore, 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 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-2019-03318 in Executive Session on 31 May 22:

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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 Jun 19.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 9 Oct 21.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Oct 21.

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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.

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