



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-03625

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NOT INDICATED

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States*, be amended to include the Korean Service Medal.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He served during the Korean War era and should be awarded the Korean Service Medal.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 30 Apr 73, according to DD Form 214, the applicant retired from the Air Force Reserve having served 21 years, 4 months and 3 days total active service. He was also credited with 7 years, 5 months and 16 days of Foreign Service.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the Korean Service Medal is awarded to personnel who were assigned or attached to combat or service units designated by the Commander, Far East Air Forces, in general orders for service within the Korean Theater or adjacent areas between 27 Jun 50 and 27 Jul 54. The term "Korean Theater" as used in this manual includes the areas that encompass North and South Korea, Korean waters, the air over North and South Korea, and the air over Korean waters. Personnel also are considered having participated in an engagement if they were members of a designated combat or service unit in the Korean Theater; a combat or service unit, other than one within the Korean Theater, which was designated by the Commander, Far East Air Force, as having directly supported the military operations in the Korean Theater; or a designated headquarters of the Far East Air Forces that exerted a distinct and contributory effort to the military operations in the Korean Theater. The personnel must have performed the prescribed service while they were on permanent assignment, on TDY with a designated unit or headquarters for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, or in actual combat against the enemy, as reflected by an awarded combat decoration or furnished a certificate by a division, comparable, or higher unit commander, a ship, comparable, or higher unit

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commander, or an Air Force group, comparable, or higher unit commander stating that they actually participated in combat.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. After a thorough review of the official military personnel record to possibly provide administrative relief, we were unable to verify award of the Korean Service Medal based on the official record and the documentation provided by the applicant. In addition, correspondence was sent to the applicant on 27 Dec 19, requesting additional documentation to possibly administratively correct the applicant's official record and award the Korean Service Medal. Unfortunately, as of the date of this memo a response has not been received from the applicant and therefore unable to administratively correct due to insufficient documentation verifying eligibility of the Korean Service Medal.

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 3 Nov 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-2019-03625 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, dated 14 Jun 19.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 11 Oct 21.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 3 Nov 21.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

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