

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2019-04112

XXXXXXXXXXXX

COUNSEL: XXXXXX

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Air Force Longevity Service Award (AFLSA) (**Administratively corrected**).
- b. Air Force Training Ribbon (AFTR) (**Administratively corrected**).
- c. Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Military Education Ribbon (NCOPMER) (**Administratively corrected**).
- d. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters (BOLCs)) (**Partially administratively corrected to award the AFOUA w/one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster**).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was eligible for the award of the AFOUA w/3 BOLCs as he was assigned to units that received them during the awards' inclusive periods.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force senior airman (E-4). His DD Form 214, dated 23 Jun 81, credits him with four 4 years of total active service.

On 30 Dec 19, the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) Recognitions Team informed the applicant they were able to verify the awards of the Air Force Longevity Service Award, the AFTR, NCOPMER and the AFOUA w/one BOLC. Furthermore, they were unable to verify the AFOUA with additional two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. The applicant was informed he needed to provide additional source documents to support his request. They informed the applicant that if AFPC did not receive that additional documents pertaining to his request within 30 days, his case would be referred to the Board.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

A10.4. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. The award was established by SECAF on 6 January 1954, to recognize numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award may also be awarded for achievements of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force.

A10.4.1. Eligibility.

A10.4.1.1. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is awarded to numbered units such as air forces, air divisions, wings, groups, squadrons, provisional units, and medical facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, medical centers (numbered or unnumbered)).

A10.4.1.2. Detachments, operating locations, training sites, and Air Force elements are often included in the parent unit's award; however, they may be considered on their own merit or identified by the parent unit to share in the award, but not both.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the AFOUA w/3 BOLCs. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record, they were able to verify award of the AFLSA, AFTR, NCOPMER and the AFOUA w/1 BOLC. However, they were unable to verify the award of the additional two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the AFOUA. Therefore, absent additional documentation verifying the applicant met the eligibility criteria, they are unable to award the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.

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

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed.
2. The applicant did not exhaust 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 for award of two additional Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Therefore, the Board finds the application untimely and recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence 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 Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2019-04112 in Executive Session on 6 Apr 22.

, Chair, AFBCMR
, Panel Member
, Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 5 Aug 19.
Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 10 Oct 21.
Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 5 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
