

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2019-04892

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

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**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

The decedent's DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 28 Jan 80, be amended to reflect the following:

- a. Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon.
- b. Air Force Training Ribbon. **(Pending administrative correction)**
- c. Air Force Longevity Service Award. **(Pending administrative correction)**
- d. Any other earned awards not reflected on DD Form 214. **(Pending administrative correction to add the Air Force Commendation Medal)**

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The decedent's family would like to prepare an awards display to educate her grandchildren of her service as a female in the military. She served four years on active duty and the Air Force Longevity Ribbon is not listed on her DD Form 214. The Air Force Training Ribbon was established after her discharge but her service dates were retroactively included. Her DD Form 214 reflects completion of PME; however, the Noncommissioned Professional Education Graduate Ribbon is missing from the record.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is the next of kin (daughter) of a former Air Force sergeant (E-4).

On 1 Jun 79, according to Special Order Work-Pro..., dated 1 Jun 79, the member was appointed to non-commissioned officer (NCO) status (sergeant, E-4).

On 28 Jan 80, according to DD Form 214, the member separated from the Regular Air Force. Item 14 (Military Education) indicates she completed the Phase I NCO Orientation Course in Nov 78.

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

## **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the applicant's request to add the NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon to the decedent's record. After a thorough review of the veteran's official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were able to verify award of Air Force Training Ribbon, the Air Force Longevity Service Award, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. Accordingly, the record will be administratively corrected. However, they were unable to verify award of the NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon. In accordance with AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, the Air Force Enlisted Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon was established on 28 Aug 62 to recognize in-residence graduates of a certified NCO Professional Military Education school. The decedent attended Phase I NCO Orientation Course in Nov 78; however, the course does not meet the established criteria for award of the NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon. AFR 900-48, *Individual and Unit Awards and Decorations*, dated 25 Mar 82, states: "The ribbon is awarded to graduates of a certified NCO professional military education (PME) school, phases III and IV."

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 untimely filed.
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. The Board also 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 Air Force Instruction 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, other than the administrative corrections noted above, 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-2019-04892 in Executive Session on 30 Jun 22:

, Panel Chair  
, 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 27 Sep 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR