

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2019-01796

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NONE INDICATED

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be amended to reflect award of the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The AFSM should have been an automatically awarded when he received the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) in direct support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT. The error was overlooked for years, but his employer recently pointed it out to him.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 21 Dec 93, Special Order Work-Product provided by the applicant, was published naming the applicant as a member deploying to Work-Product Air Base, Work-Prod... with a proceed on or about date of 23 Dec 93 for 120 days. The purpose of the mission was to participate in Operation PROVIDE COMFORT.

According to AF Form 104, *Service Medal Award Verification*, dated 23 Mar 94, he was awarded the SWASM in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT for the period 26 Dec 93 to 28 Feb 94.

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

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Air Force Manual 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*. The AFSM was established by Executive Order 12985 to recognize service members who, on or after 1 Jun 92, participate or have participated in designated U.S. military operations and encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent hostile action. Members must have been permanently assigned, attached, or detailed to a unit that deployed to the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive days (or for the full period when an operation is less than 30 days) or for 60 non-consecutive days.

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation they were unable to verify award of the AFSM. The inclusive period for the award of the AFSM in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT is 1 Dec 95 to 31 Dec 96. The applicant's time of service in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT is prior to the authorized award period; rendering him ineligible for the award.

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

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was timely 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. 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 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-2019-01796 in Executive Session on 31 May 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 19 Feb 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 12 Oct 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