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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-00302

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, issued 1 Feb 18 be amended to show she was awarded the Remote Combat Effects Campaign Medal, with one Bronze Service Star (RCECM, w/1 BSS).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

She received notification from myPers that her record was updated to reflect she earned the RCECM, w/1 BSS. The medal was not created until after she separated but is retroactive to 11 Sep 01.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve captain (O-3).

The applicant performed a period of active duty in the Regular Air Force from 11 Dec 13 to 1 Feb 18 and was honorably discharged in the rank of captain.

The applicant provides myPers, Air Force Personnel Center Total Force Service Center (AFPC TFSC) incident response dated 7 Jan 20 showing her record was updated to reflect she earned the RCECM, w/1 BSS and that a copy was provided to the DD Form 214 section at ARPC. The applicant then asked if she would receive a corrected DD Form 214. In a response dated 24 Jan 20, the applicant was advised to apply to the AFBCMR for a correction of her DD Form 214 as only AFPC can make corrections to a Regular Air Force DD Form 214.

In support of her request for award of the RCECM w/1 BSS, she provides her officer performance report (OPR) for the period ending 10 Dec 14, which states she "Ensured precision for warfighter. Generated critical service report; provided key data on 31 satellites/16 antennas-enabled accurate insurgent targeting." She also provides her OPR for the period ending 1 Nov 15, which states "Executed wartime tactic; expertly/expediently uploaded to 30 satellites-enabled precision bombing of enemy targets."

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

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denial. The applicant provided a copy of email correspondence with the myPers TFSC dated 24 Jan 20, which reflects, “Your record has been updated to reflect that you have earned the Remote Combat Effects Medal w/ 1 Device.” However, the applicant does not meet the established criteria for award of the RCECM, w/1 BSS per the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*. The applicant was assigned to the Space Operations Squadron between 11 Dec 13 and 1 Feb 18; however, there is no indication the applicant was in support of a qualifying operation. There is also no evidence to show she provided hands on employment of a weapon system that had direct and immediate impact on a named operation.

The Secretary of the Air Force approved establishment of the RCECM on 22 May 19, to recognize Air Force military members in a non-deployed status who directly participated in a Department of Defense (DoD) combat operation from a remote location. The medal is awarded to Air Force military members who, on or after 11 Sep 01, distinguished themselves by direct participation in a DOD combat operation under the following conditions: (1) was assigned or attached to a unit directly supporting a DoD combat operation as approved by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (operation defined in AFMAN 36-2806); (2) was serving in a remotely piloted aircraft; cyber; space; or Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance career field; (3) personally provided hands-on employment of a weapon system that had direct and immediate impact on an named combat operation (“hands-on defined as employment of a weapons system, including remote employment, or other activities that had a direct, immediate, and on-site effect on the outcome of an engagement or similar operation); and (4) was not physically exposed to hostile actions or at risk of exposure to hostile action.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force designates future DoD combat operations that will qualify for the medal. Initial qualifying DoD combat operations are listed below:

ENDURING FREEDOM (11 Sep 01 – to be determined)
IRAQI FREEDOM (29 Mar 03 – 31 Aug 10)
NEW DAWN (1 Sep 10 – 21 Dec 11)
NOMAD SHADOW (5 Nov 07 – to be determined)
FREEDOM’S SENTINEL (1 Jan 15 – to be determined)
INHERENT RESOLVE (15 Jun 14 – to be determined)
ODYSSEY LIGHTNING (1 Aug 16 – 19 Dec 16)
PACIFIC EAGLE PHILIPPINES (5 Oct 17 – to be determined)

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 25 Jan 23 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 applicant contends she is authorized the RCECM, w/1BSS because she received notification from myPers that her record was updated to reflect she earned the award. However, following a review of the applicant's OPRs, the Board determined there is no evidence she personally provided hands-on employment of a weapons system that had direct and immediate impact on a named operation. Therefore, 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. Accordingly, the Board 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-2020-00302 in Executive Session on 16 Feb 23 and 27 Feb 23:

<i>Work-Product</i>	Panel Chair
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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 13 Nov 21.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 21 Dec 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 25 Jan 23.

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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