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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2020-00425

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, effective 30 April 1993, Item 13 (*Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*), be amended to reflect the following awards:

- a. Air Force Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon.
- b. Air Force Achievement Medal.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

The contested awards are omitted from his DD Form 214. The Air Force Achievement Medal was awarded after his separation.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The following information was provided by the applicant:

The applicant is a former Air Force senior airman (E-4).

On 6 September 1989, according to the certificate for award of the Honor Graduate Ribbon, the applicant was awarded the ribbon for demonstrated excellence in all phases of Basic Military and Academic Training.

On 26 July 1989, according to DD Form 214, the applicant entered active duty. On 30 April 1993, the applicant was honorably released from active duty. He served 3 years, 9 months and 5 days total active service and was credited with 3 months and 19 days total prior inactive service. His narrative reason for separation reflects "Voluntary - Miscellaneous Reasons."

On 5 May 1993, according to the certificate for award of the Air Force Achievement Medal, the applicant was awarded the medal for his meritorious service from 21 November 1989 to 20 April 1993.

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 granting the application. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the Air Force Achievement Medal is awarded to any Service member, or to any member of the armed forces of a friendly foreign nation, who has distinguished himself or herself by outstanding achievement or service. The medal is awarded to U.S. and foreign military personnel in the grade of O-5 and below. No more than one Air Force Achievement Medal may be awarded during a 1-year period except under extraordinary circumstances. The medal may not be awarded for aerial achievement or retirement. The medal is not to be awarded retroactive for any period of service with a close date prior its effective date (1 October 1981).

The applicant provided a signed certificate for the Honor Graduate Ribbon, dated 6 September 1989, which appears to be authentic. Per the DD Form 214, dated 30 April 1993, section 14 (Military Education), it states the applicant completed Basic Military Training (6 weeks) in September 1989. Based on the documentation presented and review of the official record,

AFPC/DP3SP recommend approval for award of the Air Force Achievement Medal and Air Force Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon.

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 15 December 2022 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 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 substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

## RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, issued on 30 April 1993, in Items 13, *Decoration, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, be amended to reflect award of the Air Force Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

## CERTIFICATION

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2020-00425 in Executive Session on 30 May 2023:

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, Panel Chair

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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 26 November 2019.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 15 December 2022.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 22 December 2022.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR  
Signed by: Work-Product