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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Work-Product

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-00688

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT’S REQUEST

Her DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, Block 24, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* be corrected to reflect the following:

- 1. Work-Product Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars (VSM w/3BSS).
- 2. Republic of Work-Product Campaign Medal (RVCM) (**Administratively Corrected**).
- 3. Block 30, *Remarks*, “Work-Product Yes.”

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

She was awarded the VSM and the RVCM because she served two years as a Flight Nurse in Work-Product. She was assigned to an air evacuation squadron in Work-Product during 1968 through 1970. She routinely flew into Work-Work-Product as part of the C-141B crew Work-Product Work-Product to care for the wounded, prepare them for transport, and then escort them out of Work-Product.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force captain (O-3) who entered the Regular Air Force on 18 Jun 66.

On 22 Jul 73, according to the applicant’s DD Form 214, he was released from the Regular Air Force. Block 24, lists the following awards: National Defense Service Medal, Air Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA), Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

On 3 Aug 20, AFPC/DP3AM provided the applicant a Boots on Ground (BOG) Letter for her time in Work-Pro... from 19 Mar 68 to 18 Mar 70. However, no additional Foreign Service was awarded for

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this period since it was performed from another overseas location. Additionally, Work-Product "No" will not be changed on her DD Form 214 as she must have been assigned in a permanent party status, rather than temporary duty for it to change. The amount of Foreign Service time reflected on the applicant's DD Form 214, is correct; therefore, a correction was not needed.

On 6 Apr 21, AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Team) informed the applicant they were able to verify award of the VSM and the RVCM. However, they were unable to verify the three BSS to the award of the VSM. They informed the applicant to provide additional source documents, such as; paid travel vouchers, AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, AF Form 104, *Service Medal Award Verification*, and/or evaluation reports placing her in the area of responsibility and for how long.

On 8 Apr 21, DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, was published to correct the applicant's previous DD Form 214 issued on 22 Jul 73 to read: The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two bronze oak leaf clusters (AFOUA w/ 2BOLCs). Additionally, the VSM, the Republic of Work-Product Gallantry Cross with Palm, and the RVCM were also added.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the VSM w/3BSS. The specific dates of service in the Republic of Work-Product cannot be determined, therefore, award of the 3BSS to the VSM are unable to be verified.

AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, section A15.2.6., Authorized Device. A service star is authorized for each campaign.

Notwithstanding the above, the VSM was verified based on the RVCM being annotated on the applicant's AF Form 1712, *Uniform Military Personnel Record*, which was located in the applicant's official military personnel record. In addition, AFPC Directorate of Assignments verified temporary duty (TDY) assignments to the Republic of Work-Product, while serving in Japan from 19 Mar 68 to 18 Mar 70; but did not give dates of the TDY, and therefore, issued a BOG letter, dated 3 Aug 20 for Work-Product

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 Mar 23 for comment (Exhibit E), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not 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 the applicant’s specific dates of service in the [redacted] cannot be determined based on available documentation for award of 3BSS for the VSM. Additionally, the applicant’s DD Form 214, [redacted] “No,” will not be changed as a result of the applicant not being assigned in a permanent party status in [redacted]. However, AFPC Directorate of Assignments was able to verify the VSM and the RVCM from documentation in the applicant’s military service records which were administratively corrected. 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 Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, the Board finds the application untimely and recommends against correcting the applicant’s records.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; 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 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-2020-00688 in in Executive Session on 30 Nov 23:

- [redacted] Panel Chair
- [redacted] Panel Member
- [redacted] Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 29 Nov 19.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: BOG Letter to Applicant, dated 3 Aug 20
- Exhibit D: AFPC/DP3SP Letter to Applicant, dated 6 Apr 21.
- Exhibit E: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 20 Jan 23.
- Exhibit F: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 15 Mar 23.

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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: USAF | |

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