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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-00863

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT’S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be amended to reflect the Air Force Special Duty Ribbon.

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

This ribbon was created after his retirement and has not been added to his military record or DD Form 214. He entered active duty on 1 December 1977, and was assigned to the technical training group Security Police Academy as a Technical Training Instructor from 1982 to 1986. He attended the Air Training Command Technical Training Instructor Course and was awarded a “T” prefix identifier to his Air Force Specialty Code (T81150).

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

On 1 December 1977, according to DD Form 214, the applicant entered active duty.

On 31 December 1997, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged in the grade of master sergeant. He was credited with 20 years and 1 month of active service including 3 years, 9 months, and 2 days of Foreign Service.

On 31 December 1997, according to Special Orders No. [Work-Product], dated 18 September 1997, the was relieved from active duty and retired effective 1 January 1998 in the grade of E-7.

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 (Recognition Program) recommends denying the application. According to Department Air Force Manual (DAFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, paragraph A14.14., the Developmental Special Duty Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF) on 4 September 2014 to acknowledge the extraordinary commitment and dedication of present and future DAF members who serve in developmental special duties. These

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members experienced personal sacrifices well above their peers in other special duties and their direction was critical to molding and sustaining our future force. The ribbon is effective 4 September 2014 and is not retroactive prior to the establishment date. On 16 November 2020, SecAF approved the renaming of the Air Force Special Duty Ribbon to the Developmental Special Duty Ribbon.

After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were unable to verify award of the Air Force Special Duty Ribbon. The applicant's service period is prior to the award's authorization date and the award is not retroactive. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by the DAFMAN 36-2806.

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 18 July 2023 for comment (Exhibit D) 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 a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records. 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 and finds the application untimely.

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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2020-00863 in Executive Session on 25 January 2024:

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

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- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 18 December 2019.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 9 March 2023.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 July 2023.

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*