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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-2020-01164

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

She deployed to Work-Product in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force senior airman (E-4) who entered the Regular Air Force on 30 Dec 91.

According to AF Form 910, *Enlisted Performance Report (AB thru TSgt)*, for the period ending 2 May 94, comments from the rater indicate the applicant "Provided excellent LS (logistical support) training to aircrew members—effectively prepared them to meet demanding mission deployment constraints supporting Operations DENY FLIGHT and PROVIDE COMFORT."

According to AF Form 910, for the period ending 2 May 95, the rater specifies the applicant deployed to Work-Product in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH; however, neither the inclusive dates nor the duration of the deployment were provided.

On 29 Dec 95, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Regular Air Force and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. She was credited with four years of active service. Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Training Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon, and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon.

On 6 Oct 21, the AFPC Recognition Team informed the applicant that after reviewing her official military personnel record and documentation provided, they were unable to verify how long she was deployed to Work-Product. They requested the applicant provide source documents such as deployment orders, a paid travel voucher, an AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, and/or an AF Form 104, *Service Medal Award Verification*, indicating how long she was deployed to Saudi Arabia.

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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 applicant's request, indicating award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal could not be verified. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, paragraph A15.3, the Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all members of the United States Armed Forces who served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD or DESERT STORM in one or more of the following areas from 2 Aug 90 through 30 Nov 95: the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, the portion of the Arabian Sea that lay north of 100 North latitude and West 680 East longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Members serving in Israel, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including the airspace and territorial waters) directly supporting combat operations from 17 Jan 91 through 30 Nov 95 are also eligible. Service members must have been attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore (military) operations, attached to or regularly served for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations, actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the designated areas, or serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. The time requirements may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

The applicant's enlisted performance report closing 2 May 94, indicates she provided training to aircrew members supporting Operations DENY FLIGHT and PROVIDE COMFORT; however, there is no indication she deployed to the area of eligibility. Additionally, comments on the enlisted performance report closing 2 May 95, state the applicant deployed to [REDACTED] in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH; however, the inclusive dates of the deployment were not provided. On 6 Oct 21, correspondence was sent to the applicant requesting additional source documents for possible administrative correction of the record; however, none was received. The applicant failed to provide documentation verifying she meets criteria for the Southwest Asia Service Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established in AFMAN 36-2806.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 26 Jun 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 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)*. 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-2020-01164 in Executive Session on 25 Jan 24:

- Work-Product Panel Chair
- Work-Product Panel Member
- Work-Product Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 25 Mar 20.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 5 Dec 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 26 Jun 23.

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