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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2020-01684

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

**APPLICANT’S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation From Active Duty*, Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* be corrected to reflect award of the Air Force Combat Readiness Medal.

**APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS**

He completed 118 hours of the United States Air Forces Security Police Combat Preparedness [sic] on 8 Mar 74 and an additional 212 hours on 21 Apr 75 at

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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 14 Sep 73.

On 18 May 77, according to the applicant’s DD Form 214, he was released from active duty and transferred into the Air Force Reserve. He was credited with three years, eight months, and five days of active service. Block 26 reflects the award of the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal (AFGCM).

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 recommends denying award of the Combat Readiness Medal. AFPC/DP3SP was unable to determine if the applicant completed 24 months of sustained combat and or mission readiness with no more than a 120 calendar-day break, additionally, there was no approval memorandum from the commander located within the applicant’s military personnel record.

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In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, attachment A14.18. Combat Readiness Medal. The medal is awarded to regular Air Force, Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve, and members of the other Military Services, after 1 Aug 60, for sustained individual combat mission readiness or preparedness for direct weapon-system employment. On or before 17 Apr 18, members must meet all of the following eligibility requirements: 1) Be a member of a unit subject to combat readiness reporting, 2) Be individually certified as combat and/or mission ready and has been subject to a continuous individual positional evaluation program, according to a MAJCOM or higher headquarters standards, and 3) Complete 24 months of sustained combat and or mission readiness with no more than a 120 calendar-day break. If the break in combat or mission ready status exceeds 120 calendar days due to reassignment to another combat or mission duty that requires upgrading in or retraining to a new system, only the enroute and retraining time is deducted from qualifying service. 4) MAJCOMs determine what is an acceptable recurring positional certification program to meet the intent of medal criteria, and 5) AF/A3TF is the office of coordinating responsibility for questions pertaining to the standards, duty positions, or mission profiles that qualify for the Combat Readiness Medal, and any MAJCOM or local supplements to this manual regarding the medal.

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 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. The applicant did not provide evidence he completed 24 months of sustained combat and or mission readiness with no more than a 120 calendar-day break, which is needed for award of the Air Force Combat Readiness Medal in accordance with AFMAN 36-2806, attachment A14.18. Additionally, there was no approval memorandum from the commander located within the applicant's military personnel record or provided by the applicant to verify award of the medal. 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 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. 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-2020-01684 in Executive Session on 30 Nov 23:

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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 9 Mar 20.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 22 Dec 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 21 Mar 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: USAF