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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-02686

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be awarded the following:

- a. Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon.
- b. Korean Defense Service Medal (**Administratively corrected**).
- c. Armed Forces Service Medal (**Administratively corrected**).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Prior to becoming an officer, he was a noncommissioned officer (NCO) and completed the NCO Preparatory Course after his promotion to senior airman (E-4). In addition, he participated in multiple operations, overseas deployments, and served on assignment in Korea.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force major (O-4).

On 21 Nov 85, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant was discharged from the Regular Air Force to accept a commission in the Air Force Officer Training Program. He was credited with 6 months and 21 days of net active service this period and 3 years, 9 months, and 22 days of prior active service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

On 22 Nov 85, the applicant was commissioned and appointed a second lieutenant in the Reserve of the Air Force.

On 31 Jul 01, the applicant was separated from the Regular Air Force for the purpose of retirement in the rank of major. His DD Form 214, Item 13 reflects: Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal. Air Force Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with one Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed

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Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Training Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster. He was credited with 15 years, 8 months, and 9 days of net active service this period.

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 Programs) recommends denying award of the NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, the Air Force Enlisted Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon was established on 28 Aug 62 to recognize in-residence graduates of certified noncommissioned officer professional military education schools such as the NCO Preparatory Course, Airman Leadership School, NCO Leadership School, NCO Academy, Senior NCO Academy. The ribbon is not authorized for completion of local base or unit professional development seminars, courses, or classes. Based on a review of the applicant's official military personnel record and documentation provided, there is no evidence he meets the established criteria for award of the NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established in AFMAN 36-2806.

Notwithstanding, they were able to verify the applicant qualified for the Korean Defense Service Medal and Armed Forces Service Medal. Accordingly, his record will be administratively corrected.

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. The Board 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.
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, beyond that administratively corrected.

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-2020-02686 in Executive Session on 28 Mar 24:

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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 2 Jul 20.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 5 Jan 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 15 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

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