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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-03405

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge*, dated 25 Nov 66, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Air Force Longevity Service Medal.
- b. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. **(Pending administrative correction)**

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He is eligible for the award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award. Air Force Manual 39-10, paragraph 3-8m refers to a separation for the convenience of the government and his DD Form 214 stipulates separation of a Regular Airman when the expiration term of service (ETS) falls on a non-workday. In this regard, his ETS was 27 Nov 66 and fell on a Sunday, so he was discharged on Friday, 25 Nov 66 at the convenience of the Air Force. Additionally, according to his DD Form 256, *Honorable Discharge Certificate*, he was then honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve on 27 Nov 68. Therefore, he has a total of 6 years of military service; 4 years of active military service; and 2 years of inactive military service. Accordingly, he is eligible for the award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman first class (E-4).

On 28 Nov 62, according to Special Order Number Work... dated 28 Nov 62, the applicant enlisted in the Air Force for a period of 4 years with a 27 Nov 66 date of separation.

On 25 Nov 66, according to his DD Form 214, he was honorably discharged and credited with 3 years, 11 months, and 28 days of total active service. Item 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Additionally, Item 11c, *Reason and Authority*, reflects: "Separation of a regular Airman when normal ETS falls on a non-workday. Paragraph 3-8m, AFM 39-10."

On 27 Nov 66, according to AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, page 4, Section 19, *Chronological Listing of Service*, he was assigned to Headquarters, Air Reserve Personnel Center,

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Obligated Reserve Section (HQ ARPC/CAC, ORS-SA). Additionally, according to undated HQ, 19th Bombardment Wing, Directorate of Personnel memorandum, *Transfer to Reserve Component*, acknowledged and signed by the applicant, he was notified that effective 25 Nov 66, he was transferred to the Air Force Reserve and assigned to the Ineligible Reserve Section, Continental Air Command, Air Reserve Personnel Center, and will remain assigned thereto until 27 Nov 68 unless sooner relieved.

On 27 Nov 68, according to Reserve Order *Work-Product* dated 30 Nov 68, he was relieved from assignment to HQ ARPC, Obligated Reserve Section (ORS) and honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve.

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

#### **APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

Air Force Manual 39-10, *Separation Upon Expirations of Term of Service, for the Convenience of the Government, Minority, Dependency and Hardship*, dated 22 Aug 66. Paragraph 3-8, *Separations for Convenience of the Government*, paragraph m. *An Airman Eligible for Separation on Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday*. A Regular Airman who does not intend to reenlist and whose normal ETS separation date falls on a non-workday (Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday) will be separated on the preceding workday. The member will be entitled to pay through the actual date of separation.

#### **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying the Air Force Longevity Service Award. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the Air Force Longevity Service Award was established on 25 Nov 57 and is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of 4 years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or Reserve components. Reserve component members are credited with the award for each 4 years of satisfactory military service creditable to a Reservist for retirement. The applicant's record indicates he served for 3 years, 11 months, and 28 days of active duty service; thus, rendering him ineligible as he did not serve an aggregate of 4 years. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

Notwithstanding the above, they were able to verify award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected following the Board proceedings.

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 23 May 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

#### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was 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 the victim of an error or injustice. While the Board notes the recommendation of AFPC/DP3SP against correcting the record, the Board finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Specifically, the Board finds that the applicant's available records are sufficient evidence that an error has occurred and that he should be awarded the Air Force Longevity Service Award. In this regard, the Board notes the applicant enlisted for a period of 4 years and was credited with 3 years, 11 months, and 28 days of active service as reflected on his DD Form 214. However, per AFM 39-10, the applicant had an ETS that fell on a weekend and was discharged at the convenience of the Air Force on the last weekday prior to his ETS. As such, the Board finds that the applicant met the intent of completing four years of satisfactory service and the administrative process that caused his separation two-days prior to completing four years of service should not preclude him from the Air Force Longevity Service Award. Therefore, in addition to the administrative correction that will be made to the applicant's record, the Board further recommends correcting the applicant's record as indicated below.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show his DD Form 214, *Armed Forces Report of Transfer or Discharge*, dated 25 Nov 66, be amended to reflect the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

**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-2020-03405 in Executive Session on 19 Oct 23:

- Work-Product** Panel Chair
- Work-Product** Panel Member
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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 20 Sep 20.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 27 Jan 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 23 May 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