



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

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2020-03563

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) Service Medal (**Was administratively corrected**).
- b. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) (**Was administratively corrected**).
- c. Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour (AFOR-ST).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His DD Form 214 does not list all his awards and medals. He should have been eligible for these awards for his service.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 31 Oct 04, according to the DD Form 214 the applicant was honorably discharged from service with a Narrative Reason for Separation of "Hardship." He was credited with 3 months and 21 days of Foreign Service and the Station Where Separated was listed as "████████ SKorea."

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*

A14.25. Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short and Long Tour). The ribbons were established on 12 Oct 80 to recognize completion of an overseas tour. Prior to 6 Jan 86, the ribbon was awarded to regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members credited with completion

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of an overseas tour on or after 1 Sep 80. Regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members serving on or after 6 Jan 86, may reflect all Air Force overseas tours credited during their career.

Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2110, *Total Force Assignments*

Table 7.5. Award or Adjustment of Overseas Duty Selection Date (ODSD) and Short Tour Return Date (STRD) Based on Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

Rule 9: Airman was assigned PCS overseas and was curtailed before completing 181 days of a less than 18-month tour, then credit with numbers of days served, adjust ODSD and short tour return date by adding the number of days served to the existing ODSD and STRD.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying award of the AFOR-ST. According to AFMAN 36-2806, the ribbon was established on 12 Oct 80 to recognize completion of an overseas tour. The applicant's 3 months and 21 days of foreign service in Korea does not meet the unaccompanied tour length of 12 months; therefore, rendering the applicant ineligible for award of the AFOR-ST. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806 and DAFI 36-2110.

Notwithstanding the above, AFPC/DP3SP was able to verify the applicant's eligibility for the GWOT Service Medal and AFOUA with Valor. Accordingly, the applicant's record was 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 16 Aug 22, for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. 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 and finds the application untimely.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.

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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 Board finds the applicant does not qualify for the Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour (AFOR-ST) because he did not serve in Korea for the 12-month required tour length. The other two awards the applicant requested were administratively fixed. Therefore, the Board 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-2020-03563 in Executive Session on 18 May 23:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair
[REDACTED], Panel Member
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 11 Nov 20.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 30 Oct 21.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 16 Aug 22.

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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