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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-00249

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 3 Aug 19, be corrected to reflect the following awards:

- a. Air Force Achievement Medal. (**Administratively corrected**)
- b. Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal before he separated; however, it was not included on his DD Form 214. Additionally, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was authorized for personnel permanently assigned to the command between 2 Oct 18 and 1 Oct 19. He was assigned to the wing at Kunsan Air Base (AB), Korea during this time.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

According to AF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station – Military*, dated 29 Dec 17, the applicant was projected for reassignment to Kunsan AB, Korea with a Report No Later Than Date of 10 Feb 18.

According to AF IMT 100, *Request and Authorization for Separation*, dated 23 May 19, the applicant was relieved from assignment at Kunsan AB, Korea, effective 3 Aug 19.

On 3 Aug 19, according to DD Form 214, he was honorably discharged from active duty and credited with 4 years of active service including 1 year, 5 months, and 29 days of Foreign Service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Overseas Tour – Short Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Ribbon with one Service Star, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

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

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying the award of the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. According to Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, paragraph A12.10.3, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to certain units of the United Nations Command for service in Korea, as well as certain units of United States Armed Forces participating in disaster relief operations in 1972. Only one Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation is worn regardless of the number of awards received. The applicant states he was assigned to the [Att...] Fighter Wing, Kunsan AB, Korea, between 2 Oct 18 and 1 Oct 19; however, they were unable to verify the applicant was assigned or attached to the wing. After further review of the Air Force Unit Award Database, they found that the [Att...] Security Forces Squadron, the unit to which the applicant was assigned, did not receive or share in the award of the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Based on a review of the official military personnel record and provided documentation, there is no evidence of an error or injustice as the applicant does not meet the established criteria for the award. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

Notwithstanding the above, they were able to verify the award of the Air Force Achievement Medal. Accordingly, the applicant's 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 30 Mar 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 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 regarding his request for the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. Specifically, the applicant contends he was assigned to the [Att...] Fighter Wing but failed to provide evidence to support this claim. A review of his military personnel records indicates his unit of assignment was squadron-level (Security Forces Squadron) rather than wing-level. In addition, the Air Force Unit Award Database revealed that the Security Forces Squadron did not receive nor share in the award of the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation during the period in contention. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records, beyond that corrected administratively.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

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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-2021-00249 in Executive Session on 19 Oct 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 10 Nov 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 30 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.

7/31/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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