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

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**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2021-00717

*Work-Product*

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

The DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 24 March 1993, be amended to reflect the following:

- a. All Air Force Reserve time.
- b. Item 4a. (Grade, Rate or Rank) be changed.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

The DD Form 214 only reflects active duty training dates. The applicant served eight years from September 1992 through September 2000. This error affects the ability to receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a former Air Force Reserve sergeant (E-4).

On 15 September 1992, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document, Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant enlisted in the Air Force Reserve for a period of six years in the rank of airman basic (E-1).

On 21 October 1992, according to DD Form 214, the applicant entered active duty.

On 24 March 1993, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably released from active duty in the rank of <sup>1</sup>airman basic and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. The applicant was credited with 5 months and 4 days of active service and 1 month and 6 days of total prior inactive service. The narrative reason for separation is "Completion of Initial Active Duty for Training."

On 1 November 1995, according to *Work-Product*, dated 1 November 1995, the applicant was promoted to the permanent rank of airman first class (E-3), effective and with a date of rank of 1 November 1995.

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<sup>1</sup> Pay grade for airman basic is E-1; however, DD Form 214 erroneously reflects E-2.

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On 1 November 1996, according to [redacted] *Work-Product*, dated 1 November 1996, the Reserve of the Air Force promoted the applicant to the rank of senior airman (E-4), effective and with a date of rank of 1 November 1996.

On 14 September 2000, according to [redacted] *Work-Product*, the applicant was relieved from Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) and honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve in the rank of sergeant.

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

**APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records*, paragraph 3.4.4, states applicants have the burden of proof for providing evidence in support of their claim that they are the victim of an error or injustice.

AFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*. The DD Form 214 is a document used to separate an Airman from the Regular Air Force or Air Reserve Component Airmen from active duty. It provides an accurate and complete summation of active duty service at the time of transfer, release, discharge, or change of component or status while on active duty.

DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, Personnel Services Delivery Guide, Section E, Table 5 (How to Prepare the DD Form 214). The active duty grade held at the close out date of the DD Form 214 will be placed in item 4a (Grade or Rank).

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

ARPC/DPTS recommends denying the application. After careful review of the applicant's record, there is no evidence supporting the request for amending the DD Form 214. Per Air Force Regulation 35-6, *Separation Documents*, Table 1, members are required to complete 90 continuous days or more of active duty orders to receive a DD Form 214.

Additionally, it was suggested that a Statement of Service could be provided. The Statement of Service is not intended to be issued in lieu of a DD Form 214. It is only authorized for the purpose of military buyback with a Federal Civil Service agency, in which case the civil service start date and all applicable Standard Forms 50 would need to be provided.

There is no supporting documentation authorizing adding additional Reserve time to the existing DD Form 214. There is also no Federal Civil Service information provided to create a Statement of Service.

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 21 October 2022 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 ARPC/DPTS and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s contentions. 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 (DAFI) 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2021-00717 in Executive Session on 6 July 2023:

- Work-Product*, Chair, AFBCMR
- Work-Product*, Panel Member
- Work-Product*, Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Forms 149, dated 3 December 2020 and 5 July 2022.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTS, w/atc, dated 5 October 2022.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 21 October 2022.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

8/31/2023

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR  
Signed by: *Work-Product*