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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-01315

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT’S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation From Active Duty*, Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* reflects award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

He was just made aware of this award and believes he is eligible for it.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force sergeant (E-4) who entered the Regular Air Force on 4 Sep 69.

On 10 Aug 73, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably released from the active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve (AFR). He was credited with 3 years, 11 months, and 7 days of active service. Block 26 reflects the following awards: the National Defense Service Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

On 11 Jun 75, according to Reserve Order **Work-Product** the applicant was honorably discharged from the AFR.

On 18 Feb 15, according to DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty*, the applicant’s DD Form 214 was corrected to reflect award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm.

On 29 Jan 18, according to DD Form 215, the applicant’s DD Form 214 was corrected to reflect award of the Air Force Training Ribbon.

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 recommends denying the award of Air Force Longevity Service Award. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, paragraph A14.27.1.1, the Air Force Longevity Service Award is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of four years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the United States Armed Forces or Reserve components. Reserve Component members are credited with the award for each four years of satisfactory military service (earned a minimum of 50 retirement points each year) creditable to a reservist for retirement. The applicant's time of active duty service was 3 years, 11 months, and 7 days, rendering the applicant ineligible for the award.

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 25 May 23 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 AFPC/DP3SP 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 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

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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-2021-01315 in Executive Session on 25 Oct 23:

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, Panel Chair

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, Panel Member

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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 27 Jan 21.

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 25 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:

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