

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-01936

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

COUNSEL: XXXXXX

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, be amended to include the Distinguished Flying Cross.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross towards the end of his tour while serving in Vietnam. However, the award was not processed until after he separated. In support of his request, the applicant provided a memorandum from the Headquarters Combat Support Group, dated XX XXX XX, with the signed certificate and citation for the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force Reserve captain (O-3).

On XX XXX XX, according to DD Form 214, he received an honorable discharge and was credited with 4 years, 9 months, and 8 days of active service. He was also credited with 1 year and 19 days of Foreign Service time. Item 24, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon.

On XX XXX XX, according to documentation provided by the applicant, the certificate awarding the Distinguished Flying Cross to the applicant for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on 1 May 70 was signed by a competent authority.

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 (Recognition Programs) recommends granting the application. In accordance with Department of the Air Force Manual (DAFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, dated 27 Oct 22, paragraph A2.7 the Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to any persons who, after 6 Apr 17, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force, distinguish themselves by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. Both heroism and achievement are entirely distinctive, involving operations that are not routine. The performance of the act of heroism must be evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty. The extraordinary achievement must have resulted in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual apart from comrades or from other

persons in similar circumstances. Awards are made only to recognize single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement; they are not made in recognition of sustained operational activities against an armed enemy.

The applicant provided a memorandum from the headquarters combat support group, dated XX XXX XX, along with the signed certificate for the Distinguished Flying Cross, dated XX XXX XX, and the citation with the official seal. Neither the documents provided, nor or a special order were found in the applicant's official military personnel record; however, the documentation provided by the applicant appears to be authentic.

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 XX XXX XX for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed, but it is in the interest of justice to excuse the delay.
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. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records 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 of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, issued in conjunction with his XX XXX XX discharge, be amended in Item 24, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, to include the Distinguished Flying Cross.

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-2021-01936 in Executive Session on XX XXX XX:

- , Panel Chair
- , Panel Member
- , Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated XX XXX XX.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated XX XXX XX.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated XX XXX XX.

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