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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge for Active Duty*, be updated to reflect award of the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

On 5 May 21, he was awarded the AFSM by his commander; however, it was omitted from his DD Form 214.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force major (O-4).

According to a Memorandum In-Lieu of AF Form 104, dated 5 May 21, the applicant was awarded the AFSM in support of Operation COVID-19 for the period 7 Jul 20 - 18 Nov 20.

According to a Memorandum In-Lieu of AF Form 104, undated, the applicant was awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) in support of Operation COVID-19 for the period 12 Aug 20 - 31 Dec 20.

On 31 Jul 21, according to the applicant's DD Form 214 he separated after seven years, one month, and nine days of active service. In addition, Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects award of the HSM.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, 10 Jun 19

A14.13. Armed Forces Service Medal. The medal was established by EO 12985, to recognize Service members who, on or after 1 June 1992, participate, or have participated, in designated U.S. military operations and encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent hostile action.

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A14.13.1. Eligibility.

A14.13.1.1. The medal may be awarded to members who, after 1 June 1992:

A14.13.1.1.1. Participate, or have participated, as members of U.S. military units, in a U.S. military operation that is deemed to be a significant activity by the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

A14.13.1.1.2. Encounter no foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action.

Table A14.11. Armed Forces Service Medal Designated Military Operations.

OPERATIONS	DATES	NOTES
MARITIME MONITOR	1 June 1992 - 1 December 1992	NATO maritime surveillance of cargo transported through the Adriatic Sea to the former Yugoslavia.
PROVIDE PROMISE	2 June 1992 - 15 February 1996	Multinational operation to support humanitarian relief activities in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
DENY FLIGHT	12 April 1993 - 2 December 1995	NATO enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina.
SHARP GUARD	15 June 1993 - 20 September 1996	NATO maritime enforcement of UN embargo against the former Yugoslavia. U.S. participation was amended by the November 94 Nunn-Mitchell Act to exclude U.S. enforcement of the arms embargo against Bosnia. NATO enforcement actions ended in June 1996 and the operation was terminated in September 1996, following the lifting of the United Nations embargo and associated economic sanctions.
Task Force ABLE SENTRY	12 July 1993 – 31 March 1999	Support to the UN Preventive Deployment force in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Upon expiration of the UN mandate in February 1999, U.S. forces remained in place and were renamed Task Force Sabre, tasked to protect U.S. facilities and equipment. They were relieved in June 1999 by the U.S. national support element to KFOR-Task Force Falcon (Rear).
UPHOLD DEMOCRACY	1 April 1995 – 31 January 2000	1) United Nations Mission Haiti; 2) U.S. Forces Haiti; and 3) U.S. Support Group Haiti
JOINT ENDEAVOR	20 November 1995 - 19 December 1996	NATO Implementation Force operation to implement the military aspects of the Dayton Peace Agreement in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

PROVIDE COMFORT	1 December 1995 - 31 December 1996	Combined Task Force to enforce the no-fly zone in northern Iraq above the 36th parallel and to support coalition humanitarian relief operations in northern Iraq.
JOINT GUARD	20 December 1996 - 20 June 1998	NATO Stabilization Force to deter resumption of hostilities and to stabilize the peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina in accordance with the Dayton Peace Accords (preceded by NATO Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR and followed by JOINT FORGE). Operations DELIBERATE GUARD and DETERMINED GUARD were the respective air and naval components.
JOINT FORGE	21 June 1998 – 2 December 2004	NATO Stabilization Force follow-on force providing a continued military presence to deter resumption of hostilities in Bosnia-Herzegovina and to contribute to a secure environment that promotes the re-establishment of civil authority in accordance with the Dayton Peace Accords. Operations DELIBERATE FORGE and DETERMINED FORGE are the respective air and naval components. The U.S. contribution to Stabilization Force was Task Force Eagle.
Humanitarian Relief - Hurricanes Katrina and Rita	27 August 2005 - 27 February 2006	Only for participants in an area encompassing the U.S. Excluded from the Armed Forces Service Medal are those Airmen who meet the criteria for the Humanitarian Service Medal that was awarded for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.
JUMP START	15 May 2006 – 15 July 2008	National Guard forces deployed to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California to assist the Department of Homeland Security with securing the southwest U.S. border
UNIFIED RESPONSE	14 January 2010 – 1 June 2010	Service members deployed to provide relief assistance to the people of Haiti following a 7.0 magnitude earthquake on 12 January 2010.
UNITED ASSISTANCE (Ebola relief)	16 September 2014 – 30 June 2015	Service members deployed to the land area, territorial waters out to 12 nautical miles, and air space of:

		Benin, Cameroon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal, and Sierra Leone.
OAKEN STEEL	12 July 2016 – 26 January 2017	Service members deployed to the land area, territorial waters out to 12 nautical miles, and the air space of: South Sudan, Republic of Djibouti, and Uganda.

A14.14. Humanitarian Service Medal. The medal was established by EO 11965, to recognize members who, after 1 April 1975, distinguished themselves by meritorious direct participation in a DoD-approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature.

A14.14.1. Eligibility.

A14.14.1.1. The medal is awarded to individual members or to entire military units who distinguished themselves by meritorious, direct participation in a military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as “hands on” support at the site or sites of the military act or operation.

A14.14.1.5. Award of the medal does not prevent or conflict with other medals or ribbons awarded on the basis of unit achievement, or of individual valor, achievement, or meritorious service. The Humanitarian Service Medal should not be awarded for humanitarian operations that occur as part of the operational plan of a military operation for which a campaign or expeditionary medal is authorized.

A14.14.1.6. Under no condition will personnel receive more than one award of the medal for participation in the same military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. **(T-0).**

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the application. Based on documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of error or injustice, as the applicant was awarded the HSM in support of Operation COVID-19 activities for the period 12 Aug 20 – 31 Dec 20. In accordance with updated guidance as of 18 May 21, the AFSM and HSM may be awarded to Airmen who directly participate, or have participated, in the humanitarian assistance relief efforts for COVID-19. However, under no condition will an Airmen receive both the AFSM and HSM based on the same activities, deployment, and/or period of service. Airmen may receive both medals for different activities, deployments or periods of service provided the criteria for the medals is met.

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 Jun 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. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

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

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 [Work-Product] in Executive Session on 9 Jan 24:

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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 30 Jul 21.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 26 Jan 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 21 Jun 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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