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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-02636

Work-Product COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His record be corrected to reflect a reserve retirement and retired pay at age 60.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He served the required time and had the points. He was honorably discharged but should be retired. Prior to his separation he inquired with his unit about retirement and was told he did not have the required points.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air National Guard (ANG) senior airman (E-4).

On 6 Dec 19, according to Special Order Work-Product, dated 14 Jan 20, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Work-Product ANG and as a member of the Reserve of the Air Force.

On 4 Nov 21, according to a memorandum from ARPC/DPTT, subject "Notification of Eligibility for Reserve Retired Pay at Age 60," the applicant was notified "You have completed the required years of service under the provision of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 12731, and you will be entitled to retired pay upon application, normally at age 60."

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTT recommends denying the application. A review of the applicant's records shows he received the Notification of Eligibility for Reserve Retired Pay at Age 60 letter. The applicant initiated an application on 1 Jun 19 for an Age 60 Retirement to be effective 6 Dec 19. That application was never completed by the applicant and remained in an incomplete status. On 14 Jan 20, the applicant was discharged effective 6 Dec 19 and a discharge order was provided because he did not request a retirement to transfer to the Retired Reserve. The applicant did not apply to be transferred to the Retired Reserve before being discharged. Per AFI 36-3203, Service Retirements, paragraph 9.4.10, transfer to the Retired Reserve is not automatic, members must apply online through the virtual Personnel Center for transfer to the Retired Reserve. The applicant contacted the Total Force Service Center on 10 May 21 inquiring about a retired identification card and that he did not have a retirement order. The applicant is eligible for a former member identification card at this time and is still eligible to apply for Reserve retired pay at age 60 (or at

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an approved reduced retirement pay age date, if applicable). There is no evidence of an error or injustice.

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 7 Apr 22 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 ARPC/DPTT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records; however, should the applicant provide documentation that he actually applied to be transferred to the Retired Reserve (completed the process), the Board would be willing to reconsider his request.

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 Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2021-02636 in Executive Session on 27 Apr 22 and 1 Jun 22:



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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 30 Jun 21.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTT, w/atchs, dated 14 Mar 22.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 7 Apr 22.

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Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF