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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-2021-03047

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: Work-P...

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her deceased father's record be amended to reflect the following:

- a. American Campaign Medal.
- b. World War II Victory Medal (**Currently reflected on the separation document**).
- c. Any other medals, decorations and citations the service member was eligible to receive. (**Lapel Button is currently reflected on separation document**).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The family of the deceased service member would greatly appreciate service acknowledgment and receipt of medals.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is the daughter of a deceased former Army corporal.

On 20 Jun 45, according to WD AGO Form 53-55, *Enlisted Record and Report of Separation Honorable Discharge*, the service member entered active duty and was discharged on 10 Jan 46. He was credited with 6 months and 20 days of active service. Item 33, *Decorations and Citations*, reflects: Victory Medal.

On 11 Jan 46, according to WD AGO Form 53-55, the service member re-entered active duty and was discharged on 9 Dec 46. He was credited with 10 months and 19 days of active service. Item 33 reflects: World War II Victory Medal, and Item 55, *Remarks*, reflects "Lapel Button issued."

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognitions Programs) recommends denying the request for award of the American Campaign Medal. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, paragraph A15.5.3, the American Campaign

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Medal is awarded for service within the American Theater between 7 Dec 41 and 2 Mar 46 under any of the following conditions: 1) On a permanent assignment outside the continental limits of the U.S.; 2) Be permanently assigned as a member of a crew of a vessel sailing ocean waters for a period of 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days; 3) Be outside the continental limits of the U.S. in a passenger status or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days; 4) Be in active combat against the enemy and was awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that the member actually participated in combat; 5) Within the continental limits of the U.S. for an aggregate period of one year. The boundaries of the American Theater are as follows: 1) Eastern Boundary: From the North Pole, south along the 75th meridian west longitude to the 77th parallel north latitude, then southeast through Davis Strait to the intersection of the 40th parallel north latitude and the 35th meridian west longitude, then south along the meridian of the 10th parallel north latitude, then southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 20th meridian west longitude, then south along the 20th meridian west longitude to the South Pole; 2) Western Boundary: From the North Pole, south along the 141st meridian west longitude to the east boundary of Alaska, then south and southeast along the Alaska boundary to the Pacific Ocean, then south along the 130th meridian to its intersection with the 30th parallel north latitude, then southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 100th meridian west longitude, then south to the South Pole.

Based on a review of the provided documentation and the limited official record, there is no evidence of an error or injustice as the service member does not meet the established criteria for award of the American Campaign Medal. Notwithstanding, the World War II Victory Medal and Honorable Service Lapel Button were verified as evidenced by the annotations on the service member's separation documents.

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 1 Jun 23 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 8 Jun 23. In her response, the applicant contended her father's enlisted record reflects combined active service for a total of 1 year, 6 months, and 27 days with no breaks in service. Therefore, he met the time in service requirement outlined in AFMAN 36-2806 for award of the American Campaign Medal.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board 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)*.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the decedent 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 Victory Medal and Lapel Button are already listed on the decedent's separation documents; therefore, no correction is required. In addition, the applicant contends the decedent's period of service meets

the eligibility criteria for the American Campaign Medal; however, the Board disagrees. The decedent served from 20 Jun 45 through 9 Dec 46 for a total of 1 year, 6 months, and 27 days; however, the portion of his service that overlaps with the inclusive dates of the American Campaign Medal (20 Jun 45 through 2 Mar 46) is less than one year. There is no evidence he served in the continental U. S. for an aggregate of one year during the inclusive dates of the American Campaign Medal, or met any other eligibility requirements for the award. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2021-03047 in Executive Session on 28 Mar 24:

Work-Product, Panel Chair
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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 25 Jan 21.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 28 Mar 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 1 Jun 23.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, dated 8 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: Work-Product