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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Work-Product

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-03446

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty*, be amended to reflect:

- a. Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal (**Administratively corrected**)
- b. Joint Service Achievement Medal
- c. Humanitarian Service Medal

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

In 1994, he deployed to Work-Product in support of Operation PROVIDE COMFORT II, providing security for American, French, British, and Turkish aircraft and personnel.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force senior airman (E-4).

On 28 Apr 93, according to DD Form 214, provided by the applicant, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force. On 15 Mar 97, he was discharged and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Achievement Medal; Air Force Training Ribbon; Southwest Asia Service Medal with one device; National Defense Service Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

On 6 Aug 21, DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, was published adding the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal with N device to the applicant's DD Form 214 issued 15 Mar 97.

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

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal. According to Department of Defense Manual (DoDM), *Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards – Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals*, 1348.33 Volume 4, the Joint Service Achievement Medal was established to recognize outstanding achievement or meritorious service in joint duty assignments. The medal is awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces below the grade of O-6 who, while assigned to a joint duty assignment after 3 Aug 83, distinguished themselves by outstanding performance of duty, meritorious achievement, or service.

In addition, Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, states the Humanitarian Service Medal was established to recognize members who, after 1 Apr 75, distinguished themselves by meritorious, direct participation in a DoD-approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as “hands on” support at the site or sites of military act or operation. The recipient must have been physically present at the designated location, having directly contributed to and influenced the action. The designated location is the immediate sites(s) of the humanitarian operations as defined by the Department of State’s request for assistance.

After a thorough review of the applicant’s official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were unable to verify award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal and Humanitarian Service Medal. The applicant failed to provide a special order approving award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal. Additionally, while the applicant’s enlisted performance report indicates he deployed to **Work-Product** they were unable to verify the exact deployment dates and whether he served in a humanitarian capacity. Notwithstanding the above, AFPC/DP3SP was able to verify award of the NDOSM for administrative correction of the applicant’s record.

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 19 Jul 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 the preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant’s records. 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 (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

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

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2021-03446 in Executive Session on 25 Jan 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 Forms 149, w/atchs, dated 21 Sep 21, 22 Nov 21 and 5 Mar 22.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 9 Mar 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 19 Jul 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.

1/10/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: Work-Product