

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2021-03683

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be amended to include award of the Meritorious Unit Award (MUA).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Having this award in his record will have a positive impact on his current career (active-duty Navy) and commitment to military service.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force senior airman (E-4).

On 2 December 2014, according to DD Form 214, the applicant entered active duty.

On 2 January 2018, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve in the grade of senior airman. He served three years, one month and one day total active service.

The applicant's DD Form 214 reflects the following awards: Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

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 recommends denying the application. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation to possibly provide administrative relief, award of the MUA is unable to be verified.

IAW AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the MUA was established by SECAF in March 2004. The award recognizes units that distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations. The performance must have occurred for at least 90 continuous days during the period of military operations against an armed enemy of the U.S. on or after 11 September 2001. The MUA is awarded to squadrons, groups, and wings. The unit displayed such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of performance required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Superior performance of a normal mission does not solely justify the award of the MUA.

It is unable to be verified if the applicant was assigned or attached to an authorized unit that received or shared the award of the MUA. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 36-2806.

AF Form 910, *Enlisted Performance Reports*, for the periods 2 December 2014 through 2 August 2016 and 3 August 2016 through 31 March 2017, indicate the applicant was assigned to the United States Air Force Band xxxx. However, after further review of the on-line search of the Air Force Unit Award Database, the United States Air Force Band of the xxxx did not receive or share in the award of the MUA.

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 14 February 2023 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant provided a copy of a certificate for award of the Air Force Achievement Medal awarded for outstanding achievement from 5 February 2016 to 16 May 2016.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

### **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 BC-2021-03683 in Executive Session on 25 August 2023:

, Panel Chair  
, Panel Member  
, Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 1 November 2021.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, w/atchs, dated 7 February 2023.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 14 February 2023.  
Exhibit E: Applicant's Additional Documentation.

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