

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-00017

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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 as follows:

- a. His combat service be included.
- b. His Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM), with First Oak Leaf Cluster (AFCM w/1 OLC) be included.

### **APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

His Jun 96 Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) reflects he served in a combat tax exclusion and hostile fire/imminent danger pay area. His AFCM w/1 OLC is not included on his DD Form 214. These errors may impact his veteran's benefits.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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

The applicant provides a signed certificate for award of the AFCM w/1 OLC for the inclusive period 14 Jun 93 to 24 Jan 97. The certificate is signed with a given under my hand day of 6 Nov 96. However, no special order or citation was provided.

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

### **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP2SSR recommends denial for amendment of the DD Form 214 to reflect combat zone service. In accordance with the DD Form 214 Personnel Services Delivery (PSD) Guide, combat zones, hazard zones, financial information, assignments, deployments and temporary duty assignments are not included on the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 was designed to be a brief snapshot of a service member's military career. Service members are provided with ample documentation for their personal files as verification of their military careers. The applicant's DD Form 214 was correctly prepared as indicated.

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 27 Jan 22 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed, but it is in the interest of justice to excuse the delay.
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 the victim of an error or injustice. The Board finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions in part. Specifically, the applicant provides a signed AFPM w/1OLC certificate for meritorious service from 14 Jun 93 to 24 Jan 97, with given under my hand date of 6 Nov 96 sufficient to find he was awarded the AFPM w/1 OLC prior to his separation. However, for the remainder of the applicant's request, the evidence presented did not demonstrate an error or injustice. In this respect, the Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP2SSR that applicant has not provided sufficient evidence to warrant amendment of his DD Form 214 to reflect combat service. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

## RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, issued 24 Jan 97, Block 13, *Decorations, Medal, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, be amended to include the Air Force Commendation Medal, with First Oak Leaf Cluster (AFPM, w/1 OLC).

However, regarding the remainder of the applicant's request, the Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the application will only be reconsidered upon receipt of relevant evidence not already considered by the Board.

## 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-2022-00017 in Executive Session on 29 Sep 22:

, Panel Chair  
, Panel Member  
, Panel Member

All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 5 Jan 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP2SSR, dated 19 Jan 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 27 Jan 22.

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.

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