

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-00463

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect award of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

She was assigned to Aviano Air Base, Italy, a nuclear Air Force base, while performing duties in 2W1X1.

In support of her request, she provides Department of Defense report, *Air Force Nuclear Enterprise Follow-On Review*, dated Apr 13, which identified the 31st Fighter Wing, Aviano Air Base, Italy as one of *The Forces*, listed in *Appendix D: Visits and Discussions*.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman (E-2).

According to Special Order XXXX, dated 1 Jul 16, provided by the applicant, she was reassigned from technical training to the XX Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy, with a Report Not Later Than Date of 30 Nov 16.

On 31 Jan 18, the applicant was furnished a general (under honorable conditions) discharge with a separation code and corresponding narrative reason for separation of JKN, *Misconduct (Minor Infractions)*. She was credited with 1 year, 9 months, and 12 days active service, of which 1 year, 3 months, and 6 days was Foreign Service. Item 11, *Primary Specialty*, reflects her Air Force Specialty Code as 2W151, Aircraft Armament Systems.

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 (Recognition Program) recommends denying the application. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal was established by the Secretary of the Air Force on 27 May 14 to recognize Airmen who directly supported nuclear deterrence operations on or after 27 Dec 91. The Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal may be awarded to Airmen who, while assigned, attached, deployed or mobilized to a unit (wing, center or below, and nuclear-certified controllers above wing level), provided support to the Nuclear Enterprise for 120 consecutive or 179 nonconsecutive days, and: the unit was subject to a Nuclear Inspection, or; performed duties in nuclear operations to include nuclear weapon storage

facilities, nuclear command, control, and communication, cyber surety, security, safety, transportation, maintenance, facility management and maintenance, explosive ordnance disposal, aircrew certified for support to nuclear operations, weapons loaders, warning and attack assessment, personnel reliability program management, or research, development and acquisition of nuclear systems.

After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record, they were unable to verify the applicant met the eligibility criteria for award of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to criteria established in AFMAN 36-2806.

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 22 Jun 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 a 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)*. 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-2022-00463 in Executive Session on 14 Dec 23:

, 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 13 Jan 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 22 Feb 23.

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