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**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-00558

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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 corrected to reflect award of the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon.

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

He qualified for the marksmanship ribbon in basic training with the M-16 rifle and in technical training with the 9mm pistol; however, the ribbon was omitted from his DD Form 214.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged Air Force airman first class (E-3).

On 31 Jul 92 according to DD Form 214, the applicant was discharged from the Regular Air Force and credited with 2 years and 8 months of active service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon; Air Force Training Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; and Air Force Oversea Long Tour 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 (Recognition Program) recommends denying the application. In accordance with Department of the Air Force Manual 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, 27 Oct 22, the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon is awarded to members, who, after 1 Jan 63, qualify as “Expert” with either the M-16 rifle or an issued handgun on the Air Force qualification course, an appropriate orientation course prescribed in other Air Force Instructions, other Military Departments’ qualification courses, or who satisfactorily complete the Combat Rifle Program. The AF Form 522, *Ground Weapons Training Data and USAF Firearms Qualification*, or a letter from the small arms marksmanship monitor is used as the source documentation for this award. After a thorough review of the applicant’s official military personnel record and provided

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documentation, there is insufficient evidence the applicant was awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, or met the eligibility criteria for the award.

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 17 May 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-2022-00558 in Executive Session on 25 Jan 24:

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, no atch, dated 3 Feb 22.

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

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

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 17 May 23.

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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*

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