

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-00621

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He receive the final payment from his Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18) Aviation Bonus (AvB) Agreement in the amount of \$25,000.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He met his service commitment but did not receive the last installment of his AvB. His payment was processed but was not paid because the transaction did not make it to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service before he separated and his local finance office mistakenly closed the ticket.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air National Guard lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 31 Jul 21, DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, reflects the applicant was honorably discharged in the grade of O-5 after serving a total of 20 years and 16 days of active duty. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation "Sufficient Service for Retirement."

On 1 Aug 21, according to Special Order **Work-Product** dated 7 Jul 21, the applicant was transferred to the USAF Retired List.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

NGB/A1P recommends granting the applicant's request to have his final payment from his FY18 AvB agreement for the amount of \$25,000 be paid finding there is evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant initiated an agreement on 27 Jul 18, for a period of three years at the annual rate of \$25,000. The first two payments were made on time; however, the local Financial Management office closed the Case Management System case prior to the final payment being requested and processed. It was incumbent on the coordinator to properly process the agreement and submit the payment requests in a timely manner, as required by the AvB policy.

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 28 Sep 22 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

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 the victim of an error. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of NGB/A1P and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. It is evident from the FY18 AvB Agreement, the applicant's third payment of his aviation bonus was not paid due to an administrative error. 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 that on 26 Jul 21, the final payment for his FY18 Tier 1 AvB Agreement for the period of 27 Jul 20 through 26 Jul 21, in the amount of \$25,000, was approved.

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-2022-00621 in Executive Session on 18 Nov 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 23 Feb 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, NGB/A1PF, dated 5 Aug 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 28 Sep 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR