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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-00767

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**COUNSEL:** Work-Product

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

**APPLICANT’S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be amended to reflect award of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, with “N” device.

**APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS**

He served in the Communications Squadron at Plattsburgh AFB, NY from Mar 91 to 94 in combat crew communications. He requests the correction for update to his ribbons and medals.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

He provides AF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station – Military*, Special Order, dated 29 Sep 89. It shows he was assigned to the Security Police Squadron (SPS), Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 81150 (Security Forces), major command (MAJCOM) Strategic Air Command (SAC), Plattsburgh AFB NY, with report not later than date 23 Jan 90.

His Airman Performance Reports (APR) for the periods ending 11 Sep 90 and 20 Mar 91 show he was assigned to the SPS at Plattsburgh AFB, as a fire team member (SAC). He was awarded an Air Force Achievement Medal (AFAM) for the inclusive period 28 Dec 89 to 20 Mar 91 for his meritorious service as a response force leader and fire team leader for the SPS.

His APR for the period ending 20 Mar 92 shows he performed duties as a Combat Crew Specialist (Communications), Plattsburgh AFB (SAC).

The APR for the period ending 20 Mar 93 shows he performed duties as a Combat Crew Communications Specialist, Plattsburg AFB, Air Mobility Command (AMC).

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

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**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denial. Based on the documentation presented and review of the official record, it was unable to be verified the applicant was assigned, attached, deployed or mobilized to a unit that provided direct support to nuclear deterrence operations, rendering him ineligible for award of the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal.

In accordance with 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. Criteria includes per A14.24.1.1.2., Performed duties in nuclear operations to include nuclear command, control and communication, cyber surety, security, and safety. Paragraph A14.24.1.1.3.2, Performed duties to include in Security Forces (31PX, 3P0XX) and Cyberspace Support (3D1X1, 3D1X2, 3D1X3 and 3D100) on or before 9 Feb 13.

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 18 Apr 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. 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)*. While the applicant asserts a date of discovery within the three-year limit, the Board does not find the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, the Board finds the application untimely and recommends against correcting the applicant’s records.

**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-2022-00767 in Executive Session on 19 Oct 23:

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 10 Jan 22.

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

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

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 Apr 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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