



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01134

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Award of the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He served in Thailand in direct support of Operations EAGLE PULL and FREQUENT WIND. The HSM was not created until after he was discharged.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 11 Nov 71, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

On 19 Jul 75, according to DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, the applicant was discharged from the Regular Air Force.

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 (Directorate of Personnel Programs) recommends denying the application. In accordance with (IAW) AFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, dated 10 Jun 19, A14.14. Humanitarian Service Medal. The medal was established by Executive Order (EO) 11965, to recognize members who, after 1 Apr 75, distinguished themselves by meritorious direct participation in a DoD-approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. The medal is awarded to individual members or to entire military units who distinguished themselves by meritorious, direct participation in a military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. Direct participation is defined as "hands on" support at the site or sites of the military act or operation. For humanitarian operations outside of the United States, after 1 Apr 75 but on or before 6 Jan 16, the recipient must have been physically present at the designated location, having

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directly contributed to and influenced the action. The designated location is the immediate site(s) of the humanitarian operations as defined by the Department of State's request.

The applicant states he served in the 388 MMS unit, which participated in direct support of Operations EAGLE PULL and FREQUENT WIND at Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base from Jul 74 to Jul 75. However, no documentation was found in the member's official military personnel record indicating he was assigned or attached to Operation EAGLE PULL or FREQUENT WIND.

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 10 Mar 23 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 16 Mar 23. In his response, the applicant contended he has provided documents that shows he was stationed at Korat RTAFB, working as a bomb/weapons loader during the time of Operations EAGLE PULL and FREQUENT WIND.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

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 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. There is insufficient documentation in the applicant's military personnel record to verify the applicant had direct participation defined as "hands-on" in support of Operations EAGLE PULL and FREQUENT WIND. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, 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 Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01134 in Executive Session on 24 Sep 24:

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

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- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 12 Apr 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 9 Mar 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 10 Mar 23.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 16 Mar 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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