

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS****RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS****IN THE MATTER OF:****DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-01379

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Discharge or Release from Active Duty*, be updated to reflect his combat deployment to Syria.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His DD Form 214 indicates he was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal but does not include his combat deployment to Syria in Aug/Sep 18. The Veterans Administration requires the deployment be documented on his DD Form 214 to receive Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder treatment.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman first class (E-3).

On 29 Jun 18, according to the applicant's Personal Data Report, he began an overseas assignment in Japan.

On 19 Jun 19, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was discharged and credited with 11 months and 21 days of Foreign Service. Item 8a, *Last Duty Assignment and Major Command*, reflects: 18 Security Forces Sq (PAF) [Kadena Air Base, Japan]. Item 13, *Decorations, Medal, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; AFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on the DD Form 214. Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days.

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The Air Force Personnel Center Assignment Policy Directorate (AFPC/DP3AM) is responsible for determining an Air Force member's Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, they will prepare a Boots-on-Ground letter if they are able to verify a member served at a specific foreign location. This letter may be used to validate overseas service.

According to AFMAN 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is awarded to members who participated in the War on Terrorism operations outside of the designated areas of eligibility for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal¹, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal on or after 11 Sep 01 to a future date to be determined. The member must have served on active duty, on or after 11 Sep 01, for a minimum of 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days, not including initial accession training, or regardless of time served while on active duty, on or after 11 Sep 01, and was engaged in actual combat; or was killed, wounded, or died not due to negligence or wrongful misconduct.

The Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF) authorized award of the medal to members who directly or indirectly supported the designated operations, and meet all other eligibility criteria. Members supporting War on Terrorism operations in a non-deployed status, whether stationed at home or overseas are eligible for the medal. Effective 19 Jul 05, the CSAF authorized award of the medal to Air Force accessions 30 days following entry on extended active duty.

Table A14.10. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal Approved Operations.

Operation	Operation Dates
Airport Security Operations	27 Sep 01 - 31 May 02
NOBLE EAGLE	11 Sep 01 - to be determined
ENDURING FREEDOM	11 Sep 01 - to be determined
IRAQI FREEDOM	29 Mar 03 - 31 Aug 10
NEW DAWN	1 Sep 10 - 31 Dec 11
INHERENT RESOLVE	15 Jun 14 - To be determined
FREEDOM'S SENTINEL	1 Jan 15 - To be determined
ODYSSEY LIGHTING	1 Aug 16 - 17 Jan 17
PACIFIC EAGLE-PHILIPPINES	5 Oct 17 - To be determined

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3AM recommends denying the application. A review of the applicant's Master Personnel Records and documentation provided by the applicant failed to provide any information that would substantiate Foreign Service time in Syria.

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

¹ Award of the Global War on Terrorism **Expeditionary** Medal is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq and Syria during the period of 15 June 2014 to 30 March 2016. Service in Iraq and Syria after 30 March 2016 is recognized with the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.

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 and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The applicant requests his deployment to Syria be added to his DD Form 214; however, Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on the DD Form 214. Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days and it appears the applicant's overseas tour in Japan from 29 Jun 18 to 10 Jun 19, is accurately annotated on his DD Form 214. The applicant also believes award of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is evidence of his deployment to Syria. However, as noted above, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is awarded to members who participated in the War on Terrorism operations outside of the designated areas of eligibility for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Conversely, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq and Syria. According to AFPC/DP3AM, they were unable to verify any additional Foreign Service beyond what is listed in the applicant's military record. Should the applicant provide evidence he deployed to Syria, he may request an administrative correction/Boots on Ground letter via the [Air Force myFSS website](#). The applicant will have to register on the site in order to create a request. In view of the foregoing, 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 Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01379 in Executive Session on 2 Feb 23:

- Work-Product**, Chair, AFBCMR
- Work-Product**, Panel Member
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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 19 Oct 19.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 18 Jul 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 Jul 22.

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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.

2/15/2023



Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by:  *Work-Product*