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# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01734

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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 amended to reflect:

- a. Air Force Achievement Medal.
- b. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (**Administratively Corrected**).
- c. North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal (**Administratively Corrected**).

## APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He earned the awards while in service; however, they were 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 senior airman (E-4).

On 25 Apr 02, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. He was credited with 4 years, 1 month, and 25 days of active service and 1 year and 1 day of Foreign Service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

On 26 Apr 02, according to documentation provided by the applicant, the applicant's commander signed the Air Force Achievement Medal citation for the applicant's meritorious service from 26 Oct 98 to 25 Apr 02.

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

## AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying the award of the Air Force Achievement Medal. Based on a review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were unable to verify the award. In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, dated 10 Jun 19, paragraph

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A2.15, the Air Force Achievement Medal is awarded to any service member, or to any member of the armed forces of a friendly foreign nation, who has distinguished himself or herself by outstanding achievement or service. The medal is awarded to U.S. and foreign military personnel in the grade of O-5 and below. The applicant provided a copy of the award certificate; however, a special order was not located in his official military personnel record or provided for verification.

Notwithstanding the above, they were able to verify award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Kuwait) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected.

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 Jun 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board 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.

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 applicant failed to provide a copy of the special order approving award of the Air Force Achievement Medal. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01734 in Executive Session on 29 Feb 24:

- Work-Product, Panel Chair
- 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 14 Jun 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 17 May 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 28 Jun 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

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