

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01771

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Award of the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

While stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, he performed 2-3 months of temporary duty in Bamako, Mali beginning in Aug 74. He was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal; however, it was never entered into his records. His medals and ribbons were lost in a storage fire.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Regular Air Force staff sergeant (E-5).

On 17 Nov 66, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force for a period of 4 years.

On 16 Nov 70, according to DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, the applicant was honorably discharged. Item 24, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* reflects: Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award; Air Force Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea). He was credited with 4 years of active service, including 3 years, 5 months, and 16 days of Foreign Service.

On 17 Nov 70, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant reenlisted in the Regular Air Force for a period of 4 years.

On 28 Apr 75, according to DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, the applicant was honorably discharged. Item 24, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized* reflects: Air Force Commendation Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Air Force Longevity Service Award. He was credited with 4 years, 5 months, and 12 days of active service, including 1 year, 6 months, and 10 days of Foreign Service.

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 (Recognition Program) recommends denying the application. According to Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) 1348-33, Volume 4, *Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Joint Decorations and Awards*, Section 3.4, the Joint Service Commendation Medal may be awarded in the name of the Secretary of Defense to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who, while assigned to a Joint Duty Activity after 1 Jan 63, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement.

There was no documentation provided or located within the applicant's official military personnel record to verify the applicant was recommended for or awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by DoDM 1348.33.

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 19 Sep 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. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records. 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)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

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-2022-01771 in Executive Session on 14 Dec 23:

, Panel Chair
, Panel Member
, Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 13 Jun 22.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 18 Sep 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 19 Sep 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