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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01826

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the Southwest Asia Service Medal and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He deployed in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD and DESERT STORM numerous times between Aug 90 and Mar 91 as a Work-Product crew chief. During at least three occasions, he had one-night stays for missions flown into Work-Product, and in Mar 91, he received hostile fire pay. In support of his request, he provided copies of orders in support of these operations and certification for hostile fire pay, which he believes should qualify him for the requested medals. He recently discovered this error when applying for a veteran license plate.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

Based on documentation in the applicant's official military personnel record and documents provided by the applicant, the following analysis is provided:

On 23 Aug 90, Special Order Work-Product was published naming the applicant as a member deploying to an undisclosed location to participate in Operation DESERT SHIELD with a proceed on or about date of 24 Aug 90 for 90 days.

On 10 Sep 90, Special Order Work-Product was published naming the applicant as a member deploying to an undisclosed location to participate in Operation DESERT SHIELD with a proceed on or about date of 11 Sep 90 for 90 days.

On 8 Mar 91, according to AF Form 910, *Enlisted Performance Report (AB thru TSGT)*, the applicant's rater documented "...a 65-day deployment to a forward operating location in support

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of Operation Desert Shield..." Additionally, his indorser noted, "Oct 90, while deployed in support of Operation Desert Shield..."

On 29 Mar 91, Travel Order [Work-Product] was published authorizing the applicant to travel on temporary duty for approximately 7 days beginning 20 Mar 91 to ferry crew and cargo. The itinerary showed mission start and return to [Work-Product] (AFB), [Work-Product], with eight location stops in between, to include [Work-Product]. Per item 13, the order was confirmed after the squadron commander's verbal orders on 20 Mar 91 because circumstances prevented written orders in advance.

According to AF Form 1881, *Hostile Fire Pay Certification and MPO*, the applicant's aircraft commander authorized the applicant to receive hostile fire pay for Mar 91 and documented the circumstances surrounding the incident with a stop in [Work-Product] on 23 Mar 91 to pick up passengers and cargo bound for [Work-Product].

On 15 May 91, according to DD Form 214, the applicant received an honorable discharge and was credited with 4 years, 3 months, and 4 days of active service, and no Foreign and/or Sea Service. Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded and Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with One Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Training Ribbon.

On 7 Jun 23, the Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Assignments (AFPC/DP3AM) notified the applicant they were able to confirm his deployment in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD. However, they were unable to determine the locations or inclusive dates of this foreign service and unable to correct the amount of foreign service on his DD Form 214. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, the applicant may use their letter as proof of "boots on ground" in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Department of the Air Force Manual (DAFMAN) 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, dated 27 Oct 22, states the Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States (U.S.) who served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD or DESERT STORM in one or more of the following areas from 2 Aug 90 through 30 Nov 95: the Persian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, the Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 100 N. latitude and west 680 E. longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. To be eligible, a service member must be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore (military) operations; attached to or regularly

serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, which may be waived for members participating in actual combat operations.

The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait is authorized by the government of Kuwait to members of the U.S. military who participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM, and the Cease Fire Campaign. Air Force members are authorized to accept and wear the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait). The medal is authorized for acceptance by Air Force members who: served in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD, DESERT STORM or the Cease Fire Campaign between 2 Aug 90 and 31 Aug 93, in one or more of the following areas: the Arabian Gulf, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Oman, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude, the Gulf of Aden, or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Omar, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. To be eligible, members must have been (1) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore operations; (2) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; (3) Actually participating as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or (4) Serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days during this period, which may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognition Program) recommends denying the applicant's request. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation, they were unable to verify award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal and Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait. Specifically, documentation provided by the applicant shows he traveled to eight locations in 7 days, to include [REDACTED], but failed to show he meets the established criteria for award of the Southwest Asia Medal. Also, while the applicant provided special orders indicating participation in Operation DESERT SHIELD, the location of this service is not listed. Accordingly, there is no evidence of error or injustice as the applicant does not meet the established criteria outlined in DAFMAN 36-2806 for the requested awards.

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 27 Sep 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 evidence he met criteria outlined in DAFMAN 36-2806 for the requested awards. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

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-2022-01826 in Executive Session on 27 Jun 24:

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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 5 Jul 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 15 Sep 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 27 Sep 23.

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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
Signed by: USAF

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