

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-02012

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

1. His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect a deployment to Qatar.
2. He be awarded service credit for deployment to Qatar.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

From 22 Jun 12 to 27 Nov 12, the applicant was deployed to Qatar. He is requesting to have the DD Form 214 he received on 30 Jun 14 reflect the deployment and receive service credit.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve technical sergeant (E-6).

On 18 Jun 12, according to DD Form 1610, *Request and Authorization for TDY Travel of DoD Personnel*, dated 4 Jun 12, submitted by the applicant, he was ordered to proceed on deployment to Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.

On 30 Jun 14, according to DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant separated with nine (9) years, four (4) months, and sixteen (16) days of active service.

On 10 Nov 22, according to memorandum from HQ AFPC/DP3AM, the applicant was provided a letter as proof of "boots on ground" for a five (5) month and six (6) day deployment in Qatar from 22 Jun 12 to 27 Nov 12. Furthermore, the letter notifies the applicant that the deployment was accumulated in the Foreign Service time reflected in block 12.f. *FOREIGN SERVICE* of the DD Form 214.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFI 36-3203, *Separation Documents*; DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide (PSDG). The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Neither AFI 36-3203 or the DD Form 214 Total Force PSDG authorize listing of deployments, operation names, temporary duty, or assignments as entries on the DD Form 214.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSSR-214 recommends denying the application. The applicant requested to have deployments and operations reflect on his DD Form 214. There is no evidence of error or injustice because AFI 36-3202, "Separation Documents," and *DD214 Personnel Service Delivery Guide* does not provide an authorized entry to list deployments, operation names, temporary duty, or assignments on the DD Form 214. Additionally, AFPC/DP3AM provided the applicant with a "boots on ground" letter as proof of his deployment.

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

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/DPMSSR-214 and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. IAW governing directive, deployments and operations are not authorized on a DD Form 214. However, the applicant may use the "boots on ground" letter issued to him to validate his service in Qatar. 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 Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2022-02012 in Executive Session on 10 Jan 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 5 Aug 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR-214, dated 10 Nov 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 17 Nov 22.

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.

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