

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-02114

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be considered by a special selection board (SSB) for the CY22B (P0522B) Lieutenant Colonel Line of the Air Force-Information Warfare (LAF-I) Central Selection Board (CSB).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) covering two and a half years of service as a squadron operations officer was not included in his records for review by the promotion board. The CSB met in Mar 22 and the MSM was signed by the commander on 12 Apr 22.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a major (O-4) in the Air Force.

In a memorandum dated 8 Jul 19, the applicant was informed he was considered but not selected for promotion by the CY19A Lieutenant Colonel LAF CSB. Since it was his second nonselection, the applicant was considered and selected for selective continuation. On 30 Jul 19, the applicant accepted continuation on active duty to 24 years total active federal commission service.

The applicant received an MSM, with third oak leaf cluster (MSM, w/3 OLC) for the inclusive period 15 Jul 18 to 15 Dec 20., with "Given Under My Hand" date of 12 Apr 22.

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

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

DAFI 36-2501, *Officer Promotions and Selective Continuation*, Paragraph 6.2. SSB Approval Authority. Paragraph 6.2.1., The AFBCMR or a federal court can direct an officer for an SSB.

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSPP recommends denial. The applicant met the CY22B (P0522B) LAF-I CSB, which convened in Mar 22. He received an MSM covering a period of 15 Jul 18 through 15 Dec 20. While the period of the decoration was prior to the board convening date, the decoration was not approved and signed by the signature authority until 12 Apr 22. Per the Air Force Evaluations and Recognitions Programs policy, the "Given Under My Hand" date of a decoration is considered to be the approval date of a decoration, and this date may not be adjusted.

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 11 Apr 23 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 5 May 23. He contends AFPC recommends his request for SSB be denied and that he had not exhausted all administrative remedies; however, the AFBCMR is the only recourse for the omission of the MSM in his record for the CSB. In Dec 20, he was reassigned within his wing from the squadron to the group. His squadron commander did not initiate a permanent change of assignment (PCA) medal because he said he would get a medal upon the completion of his entire assignment within the wing. After his career field's annual developmental team (DT) met in Mar 22, his group commander said they should have completed a decoration for him upon his PCA and that the decoration needed to be completed immediately. He was being considered for squadron commander candidacy at the DT and the omission of a PCA decoration was an issue. It was also stressed that the absence of the decoration would give the wrong impression to the CSB. The inclusion of the decoration will provide a complete view of him as an officer and may be the deciding factor between promotion and nonselection to lieutenant colonel.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

## **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/DPMSPP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. While the applicant desires a SSB for the CY22B (P0522B) Lieutenant Colonel LAF-I CSB based on his belief his promotion opportunity would be enhanced if the board viewed his MSM w/3 OLC, he has provided insufficient evidence to show the "Given Under My Hand" date of 12 Apr 22, which is after the board convening date, is incorrect. 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 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-2022-02114 in Executive Session on 24 May 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 12 Aug 22.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.  
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSPP, dated 20 Mar 23.  
Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 11 Apr 23.  
Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, dated 5 May 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.