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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-02179

Work-Product

COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 19 Oct 16, be corrected to reflect he was awarded the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was deployed to Work-Product UAE, from Mar 14 – Oct 14 in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. He separated shortly after the medal was authorized and did not receive it prior to his separation; however, he was supporting operations after 15 Jun 14.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

AF Form 910, *Enlisted Performance Report (AB thru TSgt)*, for the rating period of 20 Jun 14 – 31 Mar 15, signed 2 Apr 15, reflects he was deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM/INHERENT RESOLVE as a F-15E Avionics Systems Journeyman.

On 19 Oct 16, according to the applicant's DD Form 214, he was honorably discharged and was credited with 6 years of total active service, to include 3 years, 10 months, and 17 days of Foreign Service. Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized (All periods of service)*, reflects: Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon, and the Air Force Training Ribbon.

On 3 Apr 24, an inquiry from the Military Personnel Database System (MilPDS) reflects the applicant was assigned to Work-Product, United Kingdom (UK) from 29 Nov 12 – 18 Oct 16.

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

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denying the request. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and documentation provided by the applicant to possibly provide administrative relief, the award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal was unable to be verified. Although the applicant was deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM/INHERENT RESOLVE, there is no official documentation verifying he was deployed in the area of eligibility: Iraq; Syria; or contiguous waters or airspace, rendering him ineligible for the award.

In accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 36-2806, *Awards and Memorialization Program*, The Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal was established by Executive Order 13723, to recognize service members who serve or have served honorably in Iraq, Syria or contiguous waters or airspace on or after 15 June 2014. The medal is awarded to members who, during the period of the award, were permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for 30 days (consecutive or non-consecutive) to a unit operating in the area of eligibility or who meets one of the following criteria, regardless of time spent in the area of eligibility: Were engaged in combat during an armed engagement. Aircrew members accrue 1 day of eligibility for each day they fly into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility.

Therefore, based on the documentation provided by the applicant and a review of his official military record, there is no evidence of an error or injustice as he did not meet the established criteria for the award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. To grant relief would be contrary to the criteria established by AFMAN 26-2806.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPMWR, based on a review of the applicant's MilPDS and Deliberate and Crisis Action Planning and Execution Segments (DCAPES) records, DPMWR was able to verify the applicant was deployed to [Work-Product] [UAE] from 29 Mar 14 – 6 Oct 14 and as such, had "Boots on the Ground" for [Work-Product] UAE.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 25 Aug 23 for comment (Exhibit D), but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. Although the application was not timely filed within the three-year limitation period established by 10 U.S.C. § 1552 (b), the untimeliness is waived in the interest of justice.
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 applicant believes he qualifies for award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal simply because he was deployed to the [Work-Product] for more than 30 days after the establishment of the award. However, the Board disagrees. Since the [Work-Product] fell outside the established area of eligibility, the applicant fails to meet the established criteria to be

awarded the Inherent Resolve Campaign 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 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-2022-02179 in Executive Session on 23 Apr 24:

Work-Product	Panel Chair
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All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 30 Jul 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 27 Mar 23.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMWR, dated 14 Apr 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 25 Aug 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
Signed by: Work-Product