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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-02305

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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 amended to reflect service in Bahrain.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He deployed with the 366th Fighter Wing to Bahrain from 1997-1998 in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. This deployment should be reflected on his DD Form 214.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an honorably discharged senior airman (E-4).

On 11 Jan 95, according to DD Form 214, provided by the applicant, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

According to AF Form 910, *Enlisted Performance Report (AB-TSGT)*, Section VI, *Endorser's Comments*, reflects the statement, "Directly contributed to the 366th Wing's "Excellent" rating during the first-ever Headquarters Air Combat Command directed Operational Readiness Inspection conducted in a bare-base environment in the AOR."

On 10 Jan 99, according to DD Form 214, he was released from active duty and credited with 4 years of active service and 1 year and 7 months of Foreign Service. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects: Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Training Ribbon, Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

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

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; AFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in

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accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on the DD Form 214. Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days.

The Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Assignments (AFPC/DP3AM) is responsible for determining an Air Force member's Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, they will prepare a Boots-on-Ground letter if they are able to verify a member served at a specific foreign location. This letter may be used to validate overseas service.

## **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3AM (Directorate of Assignments) recommends denying the application. A review of the applicant's military personnel record and provided documentation failed to provide any evidence to substantiate service in Bahrain.

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 26 Sep 22 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 3 Oct 22. In his response, the applicant provided a copy of his leave and earnings statement for the period 1 to 30 Apr 98 reflecting entitlements to hazardous duty pay (HDP) and imminent danger pay (IDP). The location for which the applicant received HDP and IDP is not listed.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

## **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/DP3AM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Specifically, a review of the applicant's official military personnel record and documentation provided failed to substantiate service in Bahrain. In addition, as noted above, specific locations are not an authorized entry on the DD Form 214, and Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days. The Board notes the applicant provided a copy of his leave and earnings statement for the period of 1 to 30 Apr 98 reflecting entries for HDP and IDP; however, the location for which the applicant received the pay is not listed. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2022-02305 in Executive Session on 28 Mar 24:

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 18 Jul 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 22 Sep 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 26 Sep 22.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 3 Oct 22.

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

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