



Work-Product

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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-03126

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be awarded the Valor device to his Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, should include the "V" device to his AFOUA.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force staff sergeant (E-5).

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

### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denial. Based on the documentation presented and review of the official records, the applicant does not meet the established criteria for award of the Valor device to the AFOUA. A review of the online Air Force Personnel Services unit award database is unable to verify the applicant was assigned or attached to a unit that received the AFOUA with Valor.

In accordance with DAFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, the AFOUA was established by the Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF) on 6 Jan 54 to recognize numbered units that distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly set the unit above and apart from similar units. The award may also be awarded for achievements of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force. On 16 Nov 20, the SecAF approved the renaming of the AFOUA to the Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award (ASOUA).

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

**AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2022-03126**

Work-Product

Controlled by: SAF/MRB

Work-Product

Limited Dissemination Control: N/A

POC: [SAF.MRBC.Workflow@us.af.mil](mailto:SAF.MRBC.Workflow@us.af.mil)

## APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 19 Sep 23 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 6 Oct 23. In his response, the applicant provides a copy of the unit citation and Special Order [Work-Product] dated 6 Jul 92, which shows the [w...] Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional ([w...] TFW) was awarded the AFOUA w/V device. The applicant also notes his DD Form 214 shows he served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM from 3 Dec 90 to 28 Jun 91 and his airman performance report (APR) for the period ending 10 Aug 91 documents he served in the [w...] Aircraft Generation Squadron ([w...] AGS) and the area of responsibility during Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM. He also provides a history of the [w...] Fighter Wing from the George Washington University National Security archive.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not 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/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. After a review of the online Air Force Personnel Services unit award database, the Board is unable to verify the applicant was assigned or attached to a unit that received award of the AFOUA with Valor. While the applicant provides documentation to show the [w...] TFW Provisional was awarded the AFOUA with Valor, the applicant was not assigned to the [w...] TFW but to the [w...] AGS. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records. The Board also 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 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. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement. Therefore, the Board finds the application untimely and recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; 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-2022-03126 in Executive Session on 17 Jul 24:

[Work-Product]	, Panel Chair
[Work-Product]	, Panel Member
[Work-Product]	, Panel Member

**AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2022-03126**

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 11 Nov 22.

Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 18 Sep 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 19 Sep 23.

Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 6 Oct 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.

7/22/2024

Work-Product

Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR  
Signed by: USAF