

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-01538

Work-Product COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge, be amended to reflect:

- a. Air Force Longevity Service Award.
- b. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
- c. National Defense Service Medal. (Will be administratively corrected)

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The applicant did not make any contentions.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman second class (E-3).

On 7 February 1961, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force for a period of four years.

According to AF Form 75, *USAF Airman Performance Report*, for the period of 7 February 1961 through 4 September 1962, the applicant was assigned to the *Work-Pro... Work-Product*Postal Office *Work-Product*

According to AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, Block 2, *Foreign Service*, reflects credit for an unaccompanied tour in *Work-Product* from 25 September 1961 to 8 September 1962.

According to an undated citation, provided by the applicant, the applicant were awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

On 5 February 1965, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from active duty and credited with 3 years, 11 months and 29 days of active duty service. Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Medals Awarded or Authorized*, reflects the 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.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP (Special Trophies and Awards) recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the Air Force Longevity Service Award and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. In accordance with DAFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, the Air Force Longevity Service Award was established on 25 November 1957. On 16 November 2020, the Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF) approved the renaming to Air and Space Longevity Service Award. The award is authorized for active duty personnel based on an aggregate of four years of honorable active federal military service with any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was established on 6 January 1954 to recognize numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets 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 of the United States, or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force. On 16 November 2020, SecAF approved the renaming of the award to Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award.

After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation, the Air Force Longevity Service Award and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award could not be verified. The applicant's active duty service from 7 February 1961 through 5 February 1965 (3 years, 11 months, and 29 days) renders him ineligible for the Air Force Longevity Service Award. Additionally, there is no evidence the applicant was assigned to a unit that was awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. To grant the request would be contrary to criteria established by DAFMAN 36-2806.

Nevertheless, they were able to verify award of the National Defense Service Medal. Accordingly, the applicant's record will be administratively corrected.

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 29 April 2024 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

- 1. The application was not timely filed. 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 DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*.
- 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. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2022-01538 in Executive Session on 24 October 2024:



All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 2 May 2022.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 29 September 2023.

Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 29 April 2024.

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.

8/14/2025



Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR Signed by: USAF