



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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2022-02239

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

He be disability retired at the rank of colonel (O-6), effective 16 Apr 22, rather than lieutenant colonel (O-5).

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He was medically retired on 15 Apr 22 and promoted to colonel on 16 Apr 22. His retirement pay is also incorrect.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a disability retired Air Force colonel (O-6).

On 15 Apr 22, according to DD Form 214, *Certificates of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, the applicant was discharged in the grade of lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 16 Apr 22, according to Special Order Number [REDACTED] dated 2 Feb 22, the applicant was permanently disability retired in the higher grade of colonel with compensable percentage for physical disability of zero percent.

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

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DPFDD recommends denying the application. Under Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.) 1372, a member is entitled to be retired in the grade to which he or she would have been promoted had it not been for the physical disability for which he or she is retired. Special Order ACD-[REDACTED] dated 2 Feb 22, was correctly issued stating that the applicant's grade was lieutenant colonel (O-5) at the time of release from active duty on 15 Apr 22, and that he was permanently disability retired in the grade of colonel, effective 16 Apr 22 due to having a projected promotion. Officer Promotions has confirmed that the applicant was selected for promotion under the P0621C, Line of the Air Force Central Selection Board, with a projected line number of 178 which did not increment until 1 Nov 22, which is over six months after his date of separation. Although the

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applicant was disability retired as a colonel, his official personnel and pay records [sic] would not reflect this grade because his line number did not actually increment, and he did not pin-on prior to his date of separation. Documents such as his retirement order and DD Form 214 list lieutenant colonel (O-5) because that was the grade he held on his date of separation. However, his retiree identification card lists his grade as colonel (O-6) since that is the grade he was retired at.

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 24 October 2022 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

## **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/DPFDD and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board finds the applicant was appropriately permanently retired at the higher rank of colonel (O-6) under Title 10, U.S.C. 1372. The Board notes the applicant contends his retired pay is incorrect; however, this is outside the Board's purview. The Board advises the applicant to contact the Defense Finance Accounting System (DFAS), [www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.com](http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary.com) regarding errors with his pay. 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.

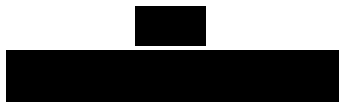
## **CERTIFICATION**

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-2022-02239 in Executive Session on 12 Jun 23:

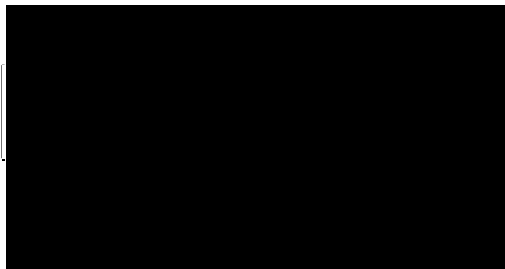
[REDACTED], Panel Chair  
[REDACTED], Panel Member  
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, dated 18 Aug 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPFDD, w/atch, dated 18 Oct 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 24 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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