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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2022-03257

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

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

1. He be awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM). (ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)
2. He completed the Chamber Training Course. (ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)
3. He be awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (SAEMR).
4. He completed the Hospital Administration and Air Evaluations Operations Course. (ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He requests the corrections be made to ensure his DD Form 214 is accurate.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 3 May 23, 23 Jun 23, and 15 Sep 23, the offices of primary responsibility (OPR) submitted Forms 6, *214/215 Action Order*, for correction of his records for award of the AFCM, completion of the Hospital Admitting Clerk and the Air Force Centrifuge/Chamber Courses.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3SP recommends denial for award of the SAEMR. After a thorough review of the applicant's record and the provided documentation, award of the SAEMR could not be verified. In accordance with DAFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, the SAEMR was established by the Secretary of the Air Force on 28 Aug 62 and made effective on 1 Jan 63. The SAEMR is awarded to airmen who after 1 Jan 63 qualify as "Expert" with either the M-16

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rifle or an issued handgun on the Air Force qualification course or who satisfactorily completed the Combat Rifle Program.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 20 Sep 23 for comment (Exhibit F) 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/DP3SP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. There is no evidence verifying the applicant qualifies for award of the SAEMR. 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-2022-03257 in Executive Session on 3 Jul 24:

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, Panel Chair

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Panel Member

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, Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atches, dated 8 Dec 22.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Letter, AFPC/DP3DW, dated 3 May 23.
- Exhibit D: Forms 6, dated 3 May 23, 23 Jun 23 and 15 Sep 23.
- Exhibit E: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 18 Sep 23.
- Exhibit F: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 20 Sep 23.

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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: USAF

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