

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2023-00152

**COUNSEL: NONE** 

**HEARING REQUESTED: YES** 

# APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her home of record (HOR) be changed from Louisiana to Texas.

# **APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

She resided at her mother's house in Texas when she initially entered active duty in Louisiana, using a friend's address. Her former and current spouses are Texas residents.

The change to her HOR would be a great help in establishing residency and benefits for her son who has been accepted to college in Texas.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a medically retired Air Force senior airman (E-4).

On 18 Dec 14, according to DD Form 1966, *Record of Military Processing – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant certified her HOR as Washington.

On 5 May 15, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force. The applicant's HOR is identified as Louisiana.

On 28 Jan 18, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from active duty for the purpose of retirement. Her HOR is identified as Louisiana.

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

# APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

According to the DD Form 214 Personnel Services Delivery Guide, the HOR shown on the initial DD Form 4-1 is used as the HOR on the DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*.

# **State Residency:**

According to the Air Force Personnel Center myPers website, state residency is the home for the purposes of taxes as a member moves throughout their military career. While the state residence

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may be updated at any time by completing a DD Form 2058, *State of Legal Residence Certificate*, at the Military Personnel Flight (MPF), the HOR remains unchanged unless there is a break in service of at least one day.

#### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMLT (Accessions) recommends denying the application. The Joint Travel Regulations (JTR), Appendix A, defines the HOR as the place recorded as the individual's home when appointed, commissioned, enlisted, inducted, or ordered into a tour of active duty. The JTR further states that a member may only change the HOR if a break in service exceeds one full day. Additionally, in instances of a bona fide error where the place originally named at the time of current entry into the service was not in fact the actual home, the correction must be fully justified and the home, as corrected, must be the member's actual home upon entering the service, and not a different place selected for the member's convenience.

Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant's DD Form 4 reflects her HOR as Louisiana. The DD Form 1966 originally supported the same HOR; however, at some point the form was altered to reflect the HOR as Washington.

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 1 Mar 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

#### 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 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 it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement.
- 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/DPMLT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. 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 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-2023-00152 in Executive Session on 3 Oct 23:



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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 21 Dec 22.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory, AFPC/DPMLT, w/atchs, dated 22 Feb 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 1 Mar 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.

