

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-00838

COUNSEL:

HEARING REQUESTED:

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

1. His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, dated 13 March 1978, be amended to reflect the following:
 - a. Airman Qualifying Exam score should read E75. **(Will be administratively corrected).**
 - b. Completion of technical training.
 - c. Special awards (15 AF Comm NCO, Instructor of the Month, Airman Leadership School) and military training awards.
 - d. His DD Form 214 be amended to reflect Top Secret Crypto Clearance.
2. To be issued a DD Form 256AF, *Honorable Discharge Certificate*.
3. His AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, be completed in its entirety.
4. To be awarded the Military Training Instructor (MTI) Ribbon and Recruiter Ribbon.
5. To be provided a list of ribbons and awards he's eligible to receive.
6. To be awarded the Missile Badge. **(Will be administratively corrected).**
7. His name to be spelled correctly on NA Form 13038, *Certification of Military Service for the National Archives and Records Administration*, dated 4 January 2023.
8. To be awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM) from 1977. **(Will be administratively corrected).**
9. To be awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. **(Will be administratively corrected).**
10. To be provided an explanation of project DUO189-U-5HA on Special Orders *Work-Prod...*, dated 24 February 1966.

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APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He is attempting to correct his records that have many inaccuracies, several duplications and are difficult to cognitively understand due to scattered information, as well as incomplete and/or completely missing information/data.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force technical sergeant (E-6).

On 3 June 1965, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

According to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Regular Air Force on 13 March 1978. He was credited with 12 years, 9 months and 11 days of total active service. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Force Good Conduct Medal w/3 Oak Leaf Clusters.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

IAW DAFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records Systems*, Table A2.1, Item 7, AF Form 7 (*Airman Military Personnel Record*), and governing directive are obsolete. Document has legal, historical, or management value.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMLWE (Training) recommends denying the applicant's request to add the completion of four courses to his DD Form 214. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant must provide proof of completion and the name of the course being requested.

AFPC/DP3SP (Recognitions) recommends denying the applicant's request for award of the MTI Ribbon and Recruiter Ribbon, and all other items he requested be updated to his DD Form 214 that are unclear or do not fall within the responsibility of their office. After reviewing the applicant's military personnel record, award of the MTI Ribbon and the Recruiter Ribbon is unable to be verified. The applicant's dates of service are prior to the award authorization period for both awards, rendering him ineligible. IAW DAFMAN 36-2806, dated 18 January 2024: A15.1, The Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon was established to recognize certain military training instructors from 7 December 1998 to 3 September 2014. A15.2. The Air Force Recruiter Ribbon was established to recognize Air Force recruiters from 21 June 2000 to 3 September 2014.

The following awards have been verified: the Air and Space Commendation Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm. However, they cannot provide a replacement certificate for the Air and Space Commendation Medal with one

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Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster due to the lack of a narrative citation. As of October 2022, all Air Force decorations and awards are now referred to as "Air and Space" (e.g., the Air Force Achievement Medal is now the Air and Space Achievement Medal).

AFPC/DPMSSR (DD Form 214 Policy and Procedures) recommends denying the applicant's request for a DD Form 256AF, *Honorable Discharge Certificate*, and to have monthly awards, quarterly awards, yearly awards and Professional Military Education (PME) awards included on his DD Form 214. The Air Force stopped issuing the DD Form 256AF years ago. The DD Form 214, is now the primary document for discharge verification. This form provides a summary of military service but does not include every detail of accomplishments, such as monthly, quarterly, yearly awards, or PME awards. These achievements are documented separately with certificates, orders, or plaques.

The complete advisory opinions are at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 9 July 2024 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/DPMLWE, AFPC/DP3SP, and AFPC/DPMSSR 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 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-2023-00838 in Executive Session on 10 September 2024:

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

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

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Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 28 February 2023.
Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMLWE, dated 17 July 2023.
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3SP, dated 16 April 2024.
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, dated 23 April 2024.
Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 9 July 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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: [REDACTED]