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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01334**

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**COUNSEL: NONE**

**HEARING REQUESTED: NOT INDICATED**

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, issued 20 Aug 62, be changed to reflect the retirement rank of major general (O-8), instead of captain (O- 3).

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

His funeral, honors, and cemetery arrangements will be based on the latest DD Form 214, issued 20 Aug 62, which reflects the grade of O-3, instead of his retired grade of O-8, achieved in Jan 86.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air Force Reserve major general (O-8).

According to documentation in the applicant's official military personnel record and documentation provided by the applicant:

On 20 Aug 62, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was released from a period of active duty in the grade of O-3 and transferred to the [State] Air National Guard. He was credited with 10 months and 20 days of active service for the period.

On 10 Feb 82, according to Reserve Order *Work-Product* the applicant was appointed to the grade of O-8 in the United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR).

On 17 Dec 85, according to the Reserve Order *Work-Product* the applicant was relieved from the USAFR, and placed on the Reserve Retired List in the grade of O-8.

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

**APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; AFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*; DD Form 214 Total Force Personnel Services Delivery

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Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service for a specific period. The grade listed on the DD Form 214 is the grade held at the time of separation for the period of service for which the document is issued.

## **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

HQ ARPC/DPTS recommends denying the application. According to Air Force policy, the grade entered on the DD Form 214 should reflect the grade held upon separation. The applicant held the grade of O-3 at the time his DD Form 214 was issued (20 Aug 62). The applicant was not promoted to the grade of O-8 until 10 Feb 82.

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 dated 5 Jul 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 (DAFI) 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 the assertion supported by a preponderance of the evidence.
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 ARPC/DPTS and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. On 20 Aug 62, the applicant was released from a period of active duty service in the grade of O-3, and transferred to the [State] Air National Guard. The applicant was subsequently promoted to the grade of O-8 on 10 Feb 82. DoD and Air Force policy direct the DD Form 214 reflect the grade held at the time of separation. The applicant's DD Form 214 correctly lists the grade he held at separation on 20 Aug 62. 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 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-2023-01334 in Executive Session on 30 May 24:

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Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 8 Apr 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTS, w/atchs, dated 28 Jun 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 5 Jul 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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: USAF

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