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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01913

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Record of Separation from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect Foreign Service in Thailand.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He received orders transferring him from the 12th Field Maintenance Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas to the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing at Ubon Royal Thailand Air Force Base, Thailand. He served there with the 8th Field Maintenance Squadron until it moved to Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea; however, his records at the Department of Veterans Affairs do not show his time in Thailand. He needs his records corrected to allow him to receive care.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force senior airman (E-4), who entered active duty 2 Nov 70.

On 30 Jan 75, the applicant was discharged from active duty and credited with 4 years, 2 months, and 29 days of active duty service and 2 years and 2 months of Foreign Service for this period. Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflect: Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

On 31 Jan 75, the applicant re-entered active duty and on 3 Apr 79, the applicant was discharged from the Regular Air Force. He was credited with 4 years, 2 months, and 2 days of active duty service and 1 year, 11 months, and 14 days of Foreign Service for this period. Item 26, reflects: National Defense Service Ribbon and Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with one device.

On 3 Nov 23, the Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Assignments (AFPC/DP3AM) notified the applicant they were able to verify and confirm his boots on ground service in the Republic of Korea from 28 May 74 to 25 Jul 75 for 1 year, 1 month, and 28 days, but were unable to verify service in Thailand. The amount of Foreign Service on his DD Form 214 appears correct; therefore, a correction is not needed. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, he may use their letter as proof of "boots on ground" for the Republic of Korea.

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

### **APPLICABLE AUTHORITY**

Title 10, United States Code, Section 1168: Discharge or release from active duty: limitation; 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 Guide. The DD Form 214 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on DD Form 214. Foreign Service is annotated in increments of years, months, and days.

AFPC/DP3AM is responsible for determining an Air Force member's Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated on the DD Form 214, they will prepare a Boots-on-Ground letter if they are able to verify a member served at a specific foreign location. This letter may be used to validate overseas service.

### **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DP3AM recommends denying the application. After a thorough review of the applicant's military personnel record, they were able to verify and confirm boots on ground in the Republic of Korea, but unable to verify any Foreign Service in Thailand. Their record does not contain any documentation that supports the applicant's service in Thailand.

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 6 Nov 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 AFPC/DP3AM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The applicant's record does not contain any documentation that supports his service in Thailand. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-01913 in Executive Session on 29 Aug 24:

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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 26 May 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 3 Nov 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 6 Nov 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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