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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01936

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the following:

1. Block 12e, *Total Prior Inactive Service*, "2 months and 20 days."
2. Block 12f, *Foreign Service*, "3 months and 10 days."
3. Block 28, "Disability, Permanent."

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His Line 12e and Line 12f were transposed. He served with the Work-Product Squadron where they deployed and operated out of Riyadh, Saudia Arabia conducting flying operations in and around the Southwest Asia region in Apr 96. Additionally, his separation code is incorrect and should reflect he is medically retired.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a medically retired Air Force technical sergeant (E-6) who entered the active duty on 15 Nov 93.

On 17 Mar 03, according to Special Order Number Work-Product, dated 4 Feb 03, the applicant was relieved from active duty and placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) in the retired pay grade of technical sergeant (E6), effective 18 Mar 03.

On 7 Nov 23, AFPC/DP3AM provided the applicant a Boots on Ground (BOG) Letter for his time served in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. However, they were unable to determine the inclusive dates of this foreign service. They informed him they were unable to correct the amount of foreign service time reflected on his DD Form 214 since inclusive dates of service were unable to be verified.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Per AFI 36-3202, *Separation Documents*, dated 20 May 94, paragraph 2.2, the DD Form 214 meets the legal requirements for issuing a discharge certificate and provides separating members with brief, clear records of their active military service at the time they are transferred, released, discharged, or retired. Per Table 2, *Issuing DD Form 214*, Rule 18, if a member is being separated because of removal from TDRL, a DD Form 214 is not issued.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMLT recommends denying the applicant's request. Based the applicant's military records, the applicant enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR) Delayed Entry/Enlistment Program (DEP) on 5 Aug 93 and was discharge from DEP on 14 Nov 93. Therefore, Line 12e reflects the correct period of total prior inactive service of 3 months and 10 days. He enlisted in the Regular Air Force 15 Nov 93.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPMSSR recommends denying the applicant's request. In accordance with AFI 36-3202, dated 20 May 94, Table 2, Rule 18, a DD Form 214 will not be reissued as a result of a service member being removed from TDRL and placed in permanent disability retired status. The Disabilities Office should have provided the applicant with all documentation necessary at the time of his removal from TDRL to keep with the original DD Form 214 to provide to the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) or any other agency inquiring as to the applicant's status and years of service for retirement.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 8 Nov 23 for comment (Exhibit F), 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)*. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

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 recommendations of AFPC/DPMLT and AFPC/DPMSSR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Specifically, the Board finds the service credit annotated in Block 12e, of his DD Form 214 is correct as this is the time he spent in the DEP. Furthermore, based on available documentation, the Board could not verify the applicant's inclusive dates of his foreign service. Lastly, his DD Form 214 correctly annotates his status at the time of separation. A new DD Form 214 or correction is not authorized for members being removed from the TDRL. His disability retirement order which removed him from the TDRL reflects his current status. 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-2023-01936 in Executive Session on 28 Mar 24:

Work-Product, Panel Chair
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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 20 Jun 23.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/ DPMLT, dated 6 Nov 23.
- Exhibit D: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/ DPMSSR, dated 6 Nov 23.
- Exhibit E: Letter, AFPC/DP3AM to Applicant, dated 7 Nov 23.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 8 Nov 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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Signed by: USAF

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