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

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01941

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: Work...

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His record be updated to reflect Foreign Service in Guam.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He went on a temporary duty (TDY) assignment to Guam for a 90-day period from April to June 1974 as a security specialist. He witnessed a C-130 crash while providing flight-line security.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman first class (E-3).

On 14 Nov 72, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

On 19 Apr 76, according to DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, the applicant was discharged from active duty. He was credited with 3 years, 5 months and 1 day of active service and 1 year and 2 days of Foreign and/or Sea Service. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

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.

The Air Force Personnel Center Directorate of Assignments (AFPC/DP3AM) is responsible for determining an Air Force member's Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated

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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 and provided documentation, they were able to confirm boots on ground in Thailand. However, the applicant's military personnel record does not contain any documentation to support service in Guam.

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 11 Oct 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board. 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.
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. After a review of the military personnel record and the provided documentation, they were able to verify service in Thailand; however, there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant's service in Guam. 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-2023-01941 in Executive Session on 30 May 24:

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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 5 Jun 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 11 Oct 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 11 Oct 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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