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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-02089

Work-Product

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT’S REQUEST

Promotion from second lieutenant to first lieutenant as a Chaplain upon reappointment into the Hawaii Air National Guard.

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

The Air Force requires promotion for completing the Chaplain Candidate program, AFSC 92R0, and reappointment as a Chaplain, AFSC 52R1, with the educational degree of Master in Divinity.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving Air National Guard second lieutenant (O-1).

On 15 March 2018, according to AF Form 133, *Oath of Office (Military Personnel)*, the applicant was appointed as a Chaplain Candidate in the grade of O-1E.

The Retrieval Applications Web (RAW) reflects the applicant’s date of rank (DOR) with an effective date to second lieutenant as 15 March 2018.

On 17 May 2019, the applicant received his Master of Divinity degree.

On 14 February 2023, according to *Work-Product*, the applicant was transferred from the Chaplain Candidate Program to the *Work-Prod...* ANG.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

NGB/AIPO recommends granting the application. After a thorough review, it has been determined the applicant qualifies for three years constructive service credit for education and correction to the grade from second lieutenant to first lieutenant. The applicant was approved for temporary appointment on 20 September 2022 and the original package included evidence that he graduated from Chaplain Candidacy and received his Master of Divinity on 17 May 2019. In accordance with DAFMAN 36-2032 Table 5.4, individuals commissioning as a Chaplain are eligible to receive 3 years of constructive service credit for completion of a Master of Divinity degree. Upon reappointment from 92R0, Chaplain Candidate, to 51RX, TYSD and DOR is to be

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recalculated to account for authorized constructive service credit. Table 5.9. provides guidance on grade determination.

+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 21 August 2023 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 the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of NGB/A1PO and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant’s contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant’s records as indicated below.

RECOMMENDATION

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that his initial appointment to the Air Force reflect the grade of first lieutenant (0-2) with a total year service date (TYSD) of 1 October 2019 and a date of rank (DOR) of 1 October 2021.

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-2023-02089 in Executive Session on 3 October 2023:

- Work-Product** Panel Chair
- Work-Product** Panel Member
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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 19 June 2023.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, NGB/A1PO, dated 9 August 2023.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 21 August 2023.

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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.

9/9/2024

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: *Work-Product*