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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-02881

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, be amended to reflect the following:

1. Foreign Service in Thailand.
2. His Primary Air Force Specialty Code (PAFSC) as a security specialist. **(pending administrative correction).**

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He originally had assignment orders to Takhli Air Base, Thailand prior to his assignment to Korea. He was stationed at Takhli Air Base for over a month as a security specialist and received orders to Korea while in Thailand.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force sergeant (E-4).

On 25 Jan 77, according to the applicant's DD Form 214, he was released from active duty and credited with 4 years, 1 month and 25 days of total active service and 1 year of Foreign Service. Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects the: National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

On 13 Dec 23, AFPC/DP3DW (Military Classification) determined the corrective action to include the applicant's PAFSC of Security Specialist will be administratively corrected.

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; 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

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accordance with the aforementioned publications and is used to record qualifying active duty service. Foreign Service locations are not an authorized entry on the 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 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. A review of the applicant's military personnel record and provided documentation failed to provide any evidence to substantiate 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 1 Mar 24 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.
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 Board also 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)*. 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. The Board does not find it in the interest of justice to waive the three-year filing requirement and finds the application untimely.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board recommends informing the applicant the application was not timely filed; it would not be in the interest of justice to excuse the delay; 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-2023-02881 in Executive Session on 11 Jun 24:

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Work-Product, 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/atch, dated 1 Jul 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 29 Feb 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 1 Mar 24.

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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