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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-2023-03155

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His record be updated to reflect award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He served in Operation SOUTHER WATCH from 17 Jul 00 to 31 Jul 00 and is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. In support of his request, the applicant provided a copy of an Expeditionary Air Force Certificate of Appreciation for the period of 17 Jul 00 to 31 Jul 00.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air National Guard master sergeant (E-7).

On 1 Aug 01, according to NGB Form 22, *National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service*, Item 15, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded This Period*, reflects Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Small Arms Expert Rifle, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Air Force Training Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, and Michigan National Guard awards: Broadsword Service Medal Ribbon, Legion of Merit Medal Ribbon, and OCONUS Service Ribbon.

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

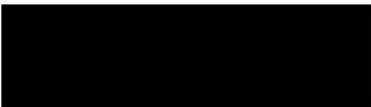
**APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to members of the United States (U.S.) Armed Forces who, after 1 July 58, participated in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. The Joint Chiefs of Staff designates operations that qualify for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, specifies the degree of participation required, and defines the area of operations.

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

ARPC/DPAR recommends denying the application. According to the DAFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedures*, to qualify for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal,

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service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in the direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of operations (or for the full period when an operation is less than 30 days duration), or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided the support involved entering the area of operations. The applicant provided the Expeditionary Air Force Certificate of Appreciation indicating their service in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH from 17 Jul 00 to 31 Jul 00 (14 days). Unfortunately, this period of service does not meet the eligibility criteria for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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 5 Apr 24 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)*.
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 ARPC/DPAR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant’s contentions. Specifically, the applicant did not serve the required number of days in the area of responsibility to be eligible for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. 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-2023-03155 in Executive Session on 27 Jun 24:

-  Panel Chair
-  Member
-  Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 5 Sep 23.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPAR, w/atch, dated 21 Mar 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 5 Apr 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.

8/18/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR  
Signed by: USAF

