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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-03981

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be considered for promotion by a special selection board (SSB) for the CY23A United States Space Force (USSF) Major (F0423A) Line of the Space Force - Operations Central Selection Board (CY23A LSF-O CSB).

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His Air and Space Force Commendation Medal, awarded for the period of 8 Sep 20 to 5 Aug 22, was missing from his records and not viewable by the CSB. This omission had a huge impact on his score and its inclusion in an SSB would more likely than not provide a positive result.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a Space Force captain (O-3).

On 15 Jul 22, according to Special Order **Work-Product** he was awarded the Air and Space Commendation Medal for meritorious service for the period of 8 Sep 20 to 5 Aug 22.

According to a memorandum dated 27 Oct 23, the applicant's commander notified the applicant he was non-selected for promotion by the CY23A LSF-O CSB.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2501, *Officer Promotions and Selective Continuation*, Chapter 6, *Special Selection Boards (SSB)*, paragraph 6.3, *Conditions That May Warrant an SSB*: 6.3.1, Grant SSBs for promotion to the grade of captain through colonel based on: Legal, Administrative, and Material Errors. Acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Air Force, HQ AFPC/DPPP and HQ AFPC/DPPPO can direct an SSB for an officer if it is determined: The action of the board that considered the officer was contrary to law or involved material error of fact or material administrative error, or; the board did not consider material information that should have been available in compliance with pertinent Air Force directives and policies; the board did not consider material information that should have been available in compliance with pertinent Air Force directives and policies.

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6.3.2. Pursuant to Formal Appeal. The AFBCMR can grant SSBs when they determine an officer's nonselection for promotion resulted because of an error or injustice in the officer's record.

6.3.3. Exercising Reasonable Diligence. Do not have an SSB if, by exercising reasonable diligence, the officer should have discovered the error or omission and could have taken corrective action before the originally scheduled board convened.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMSP (Officer Promotions) recommends denying the request. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant met and was a non-select by the F0423A LSF-O CSB, which convened on 21 Jul 23. The applicant is not entitled to SSB consideration as an investigation confirmed that his Air and Space Commendation Medal, for the period of 8 Sep 20 to 5 Aug 22, was updated within his personnel records on 20 Jul 22, met the F0423A CSB, and can be found in his "as-met" folder in the Personnel Records Display Application (PRDA) folder for the F0423A CSB.

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 17 Jan 24 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 19 Jan 24. His response consists of multiple officer career briefs from 9 Jan 23 through 22 Nov 23, reflecting two Air Force Commendation Medals, the last being awarded in 2020.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

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 not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DPMSSP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board finds the applicant's Air and Space Force Commendation Medal was a matter of record and was considered by the CSB when the board convened. Accordingly, the applicant is not entitled to SSB consideration. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

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

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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-2023-03981 in Executive Session on 19 Jul 24:

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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 13 Dec 23.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSP, dated 3 Jan 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 17 Jan 24.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 19 Jan 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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