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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-01673

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 28 Sep 98, be amended to reflect foreign service credit for his service in Oman.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He deployed to the Work-Product of Oman, in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH, from 10 Mar 98 – 5 Jul 98 and received a Certificate of Appreciation (Oman) but, his DD Form 214 does not reflect any overseas (foreign service) credit. He was informed that in order to receive credit for his foreign service, he needed to provide a copy of the travel order and voucher which he doesn't have and he is unable to get copies as the Defense Travel System did not exist then. He needs to have his DD Form 214 corrected to include his foreign service so that he can claim that period, 10 Mar 98 – 5 Jul 98, for the Reduced Retirement Age Program.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air National Guard technical sergeant (E-6).

On 28 Sep 98, according to his DD Form 214, he was honorably discharged. Block 12, *Record of Service*, reflects he was credited with 4 years of active service and zero foreign service credit. Block 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, reflects he was awarded the following: Air Force Training Ribbon; National Defense Service Medal; Humanitarian Service Medal; Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal; and the Air Force Longevity Service Award.

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

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APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Total Force Personnel Services Delivery Guide, *DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, Section E: *Specific Procedures*.

Table 5. How to Prepare the DD Form 214.

Block	Title	Explanation	Example
12f	Foreign Service	Total foreign service during continuous active military service for the period of time the DD Form 214 is published. This will not include service in Alaska and Hawaii and other US territories. This includes any period of TDY of 1 day or more. Any source document may be used that shows actual time a member was overseas, except TDY orders (they give a projected start/end dates and does not confirm actual travel). For ARC members mobilized, use those dates the member was actually deployed in the overseas area of responsibility	00 09 11 or 00 00 00

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP3AM recommends denying the request. The applicant's Master Personnel Record does not contain any documentation that supports foreign service in Oman. Therefore, they are unable to verify any foreign service in Oman.

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 Aug 23 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 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. In this regard, the Board determined the documentation provided by the applicant in his application failed to

substantiate his claim of foreign service in Oman and finds that absent this substantiation, they must rely upon the applicant's official military records. 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

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-2023-01673 in Executive Session on 3 Oct 23:

Work-Product Panel Chair
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/atchs, dated 16 May 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP3AM, dated 18 Aug 23.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 21 Aug 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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