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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-2023-02342

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: Work-...

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APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be issued a DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, for active duty service in July 1967.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

During the Detroit Riots of 1967, all members of the [State] National Guard were activated. He was an active guardsman (Sergeant) and his base was activated for one week in July 1967; however, he was not given credit for his active duty service. He needs proof of the active duty service for medical benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

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

On 6 March 1963, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment Record– Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Air National Guard for a term of six years.

On 22 August 1963, the applicant was issued a DD Form 214 for a period of active duty service from 18 May 1963 through 22 August 1963 for active duty training.

On 5 March 1969, according to NGB Form 22, *National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service*, the applicant was honorably discharged from the [State] Air National Guard and credited with six years of total service.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Air Reserve Personnel Center AFBCMR and Congressional Inquiries office (ARPC/CCX) provided an informational advisory opinion indicating the DD Form 214 is not a comprehensive document that captures all active duty time or is automatically issued upon retirement, separation, or discharge for Guard and Reserve members. The DD Form 214 is created only if Guard or

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Reserve members meet the criteria in accordance with Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*.

Per AFI 36-3202, Table 2, Air Reserve Component (ARC) members must serve 90 continuous calendar days or more active duty (30 continuous days or more in support of a contingency or be ordered to active duty in support of a national emergency or war, regardless of length of time) to qualify for a DD Form 214. Should the applicant have documentation verifying such active duty service, he may forward the documents to ARPC for review of eligibility. Official documents include certified orders placing him on active duty, points summary showing he served on active duty, or a leave and earnings statement (LES).

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

NGB/A1P (Customer Support Policy Branch) recommends denying the applicant's request for active duty credit. Based on a review of the documentation provided, they did not find evidence to support the applicant's request. In addition, current records systems such as the Automated Records Management System, Air National Guard Reserve Order Writing System and Military Personnel Data System were not available during the applicant's enlistment. Absent a copy of the applicant's activation orders, there is insufficient evidence to support a DD Form 214 for the contested period.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent copies of the advisory opinions to the applicant on 18 Oct 23 for comment (Exhibit E) and the applicant replied on 7 Oct 24. The applicant provided copies of a Certificate of Service card and a declassified final report concerning the Detroit Riots.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. 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.
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/CCX and NGB/A1P and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-02342 in Executive Session on 30 May 2024 and 7 August 2025:

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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 18 July 2023.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/CCX, dated 1 September 2023.

Exhibit D: Advisory Opinion, NGB/A1P, dated 17 October 2023.

Exhibit E: Notification of Advisories, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 October 2023.

Exhibit F: Applicant's response to Advisory Opinion, 7 October 2024.

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