



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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-00175

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be issued a DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, for his deployment from 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq from 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04. Although his point credit summary reflects the deployment, he is missing the DD Form 214 covering the deployed period.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air National Guard lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 26 Jan 05, according to AF Form 104, *Service Medal Award Verification*, the applicant's commander awarded him the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border for service in support of OPERATION Iraqi Freedom from 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04.

According to NGB Form 22, *National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service*, issued 14 Feb 06, Block 15, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons*, reflects the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border.

According to the point credit summary report, dated 7 Jan 24, provided by the applicant, the applicant performed active duty service for 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTS recommends denying the applicant's request. In accordance with AFI 36-3202, *Separation Documents*, dated 22 Nov 05, a Guard or Reserve member must complete 90 continuous days or more of active duty, or 30 days or more for a named contingency, to be eligible for issuance of a DD Form 214 for that period. Mobilization orders that began prior to 23 Jan 19, require only one or more days to be eligible. Absent mobilization orders, they are unable to issue DD Form 214 for the contested period. If the applicant meets the above criteria, he may provide mobilization orders (front and back), along with any order modifications, or finalized travel

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vouchers for the period to their office for consideration. Based on a review of the applicant's military personnel record and documentation provided, they are unable to provide DD Form 214 for the contested period without the required source documents.

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 18 Mar 24 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 18 Mar 24. In his response, he contends he was deployed to Iraq from 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04 but is unable to locate the orders. However, he points to his point credit summary and his AF Form 104 awarding the Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon as proof of his active service during contested period.

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 ARPC/DPTS and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. More specifically, the applicant contends he qualifies for a DD Form 214 based on his overseas deployment from 15 May 04 through 15 Jul 04. However, he failed to provide the mobilization orders or finalized travel vouchers required to verify the contested period of service meets established criteria for issuance of DD Form 214. If the applicant possesses mobilization orders or finalized travel vouchers for the contested period, he may provide the documentation to ARPC/DPTS for further consideration. In view of the foregoing, 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 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-2024-00175 in Executive Session on 19 Jul 24:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair
[REDACTED], Panel Member
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 7 Jan 24.

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Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTS, w/atchs, dated 5 Mar 24.
Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 18 Mar 24.
Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 18 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: USAF

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