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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-00414

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

He be credited with Retention/Retirement (R/R) points for his R/R years of 2020 and 2021 in order to receive credit towards two (2) satisfactory years of service.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

While as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) assigned to USAFRICOM, he was unable to fulfill his active duty (AD) or inactive duty training (IDT) requirements for his R/R years of 2020 and 2021 due to COVID moment restrictions. When he contacted his USAFRICOM supervisor for guidance, he was informed his IMA services were for exercise support, and since all exercises were cancelled due to COVID, his IMA support was not needed. However, he found out later his supervisor was not authorized to make that decision and instead his supervisor should have reached out to the USAFRICOM Unit Reserve Coordinator to determine the next course of action. He exercised his due diligence by directly contacting and actively working with his active duty unit's Unit Reserve Coordinator and the USAFRICOM Command First Sergeant in order to find another billet/available unit. However, due to no fault of his own, he was unable to secure other participation opportunities.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve technical sergeant (E-6).

According to the Point Credit Accounting Reporting System (PCARS) report, he was credited with the following Active Duty (AD), Inactive Duty for Training (IDT), membership (MBR), and retirement points from 2019 - 2021.

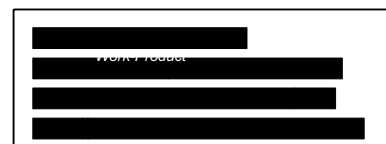
R/R Year	AD	IDT	MBR	Retirement	Satisfactory Service (Year)
*24 May 19 – 23 May 20	0	0	15	15	000000
*24 May 20 – 23 May 21	0	0	15	15	000000
24 May 21 – 23 May 22	59	24	15	98	010000
23 May 22 – 23 May 23	223	24	15	262	010000

\*Unsatisfactory Years

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

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## AIR FORCE EVALUATION

HQ RIO/IRO, recommends granting the application. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant missed the opportunity to participate with his assigned unit for the years 2020 and 2021; therefore, missing out on 70 (35 per year) reserve participation points due to COVID-19 movement restrictions imposed on service members.

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 15 Apr 24 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 the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of HQ RIO/IRO and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.
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 pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show:

1. He was credited with an additional 35 non-paid inactive duty training points for Retirement/Retention year of 24 May 19 – 23 May 20.
2. He was credited with an additional 35 non-paid inactive duty training points for Retirement/Retention year of 24 May 20 – 23 May 21.

## 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-2024-00414 in Executive Session on 24 Sep 24:

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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 2 Feb 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, HQ RIO/IRO, dated 1 Apr 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 15 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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by:

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