

# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-01263

Work-Product

**COUNSEL: NONE** 

**HEARING REQUESTED: NO** 

# **APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

She receive 12 points, no pay, for the period of 5 Oct 13 - 10 Oct 13 in order to be credited with a satisfactory year of service for her 2013 - 2014 Retention/Retirement (R/R) anniversary year.

# APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

In 2013, she requested to reschedule her Unit Training Activity (UTAs) for the months of Nov and Dec in order to attend required courses for her civilian career. The rescheduled UTAs were to be performed in conjunction with the scheduled Oct 2013 UTA, so she would be performing three (3) UTAs back-to-back from 5 Oct 13 - 10 Oct 13, totaling 12 points. However, the government shutdown that lasted from 1 Oct 13 - 17 Oct 13 caused the UTAs to be cancelled and, due to no fault of her own, she was not able to complete a satisfactory year of service.

Losing out on the points due to the 2013 government shutdown is causing hardship as she nears retirement. Receiving credit for a satisfactory year of service will allow her to retire with 20 satisfactory years of service in 2026, which will align with her unit's scheduled divestment and closure.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is an Air Force Reserve captain (O-3).

On 5 Oct 13 and 6 Oct 13, according to the ARCNet printout, My FY and RR Duty Summary, Inside Funding, <applicant> - FY 2014 Participation, provided by the applicant, she was scheduled for four (4) UTA periods.

On 12 Dec 24, the applicant's Point Credit Accounting and Reporting System (PCARS) report from the Military Personnel Data System, reflects she was credited with the following Active Duty (AD), Inactive Duty for Training (IDT), membership (MBR), and retirement points from 2012 thru 2016.

AD	IDT	ECI	MBR	Retirement	Satisfactory Service (Year)
317	4	0	15	336	010000
	21.5		215	217	

*27 Feb 13 – 26 Feb 14	2	28	0	15	45	000000
27 Feb 14 – 26 Feb 15	73	34	0	15	122	010000
27 Feb 15 – 26 Feb 16	16	48	22	15	122	010000

<sup>\*</sup>Unsatisfactory Year

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

#### AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTSP 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 Points Management Team researched her official military record, along with documentation submitted by the applicant and found there is no source documentation to award additional points other than what is reflected in her record.

In accordance with Air Force Manual 36-2136, *Reserve Personnel Participation*, Chapter 2, paragraph 2.2, "Points may only be credited to the date a reservist actually performed the duty..." In addition, paragraph 2.3.2 states, "Award a year of satisfactory federal service for retirement when a reservist earns a minimum of 50 points (including membership points) in their full Retention/Retirement year."

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 3 Jun 24 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 6 Jun 24. In her response, the applicant contended the reason she did not perform duties on the requested dates, 5 Oct 13 – 10 Oct 13, was due to the government shutdown which deprived her of the opportunity to perform duty. Additionally, she submitted an article describing a situation similar to hers where an Airman realized they were one point short of a good year and reached out to a former commander, who worked with ARPC and ended up being credited with an additional point. This shows precedent where Air Force leaders can exercise their authority and grant a small number of points for past years to accommodate honest and hardworking members who find themselves in a situation not of their making.

She was ready, willing and able to participate but was not permitted.

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/DPTSP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board finds the applicant provided insufficient evidence to award additional participation points. Further, the

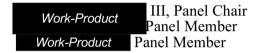
Board noted the applicant's circumstance to be no different than that of similarly situated airmen. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.

#### 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-2024-01263 in Executive Session on 14 Jan 25:



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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 1 Nov 23.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTSP, w/atchs, dated 21 May 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 3 Jun 24.

Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atchs, dated 6 Jun 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.

