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

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-01587

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

She receives three COVID relief points for retention/retirement (R/R) year 2020 to 2021 for a satisfactory year of service.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

She was eligible to receive COVID relief points and made four different inquiries/submissions before the deadline in order to ensure she would receive the points, but her leadership did not process the request due to unfamiliarity with the COVID Relief program and not having a process in place. She has since tried to request the points again after the deadline through her chain in the Air Force Reserve (AFRes), but they are also unable to help because the deadline has passed. She has been passed over for promotion partly due to two bad years due to COVID and the extended time frame it took to transfer from the Air National Guard (ANG) to the AFR. She never imagined she would be in a position where she was at risk of mandatory separation before 20 years largely due to a lack of points.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving AFR major (O-4).

On 29 March 2022, according to NGB Form 22, *National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service*, the applicant was honorably discharged from the ANG in the grade of major after completing 14 years, 10 months and 12 days total service for pay. The reason for separation reflects "Incompatible Status – Transfer in Grade to USAFR Unit//Not ARPC."

According to email communicate provided by the applicant from the former commander of the AOG/157th A1S, dated 25 July 2025, the commander confirmed the applicant was a member of the 157th A1S during the contested time frame. The commander stated he did provide liberal excusal approval for members during COVID recovery. The applicant had immune compromised family members and should be eligible for relief for the points for a good year.

According to the Retrieval Applications Web (RAW), the applicant's R/R date reflects 18 May 2023. The applicant's PCARS Summary for the period 18 May 2020 to 17 May 2021 reflects 47 total points for retirement.

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**

NGB/A1PP recommends granting the application. The applicant made multiple solicitations to the 157th Air Intelligence Squadron (157th AIS) leadership to obtain an approval memorandum to receive points for unit training assemblies (UTA) which were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The unit commander of the 157th AIS sent email correspondence cancelling unit training assemblies (UTAs) for April and May of 2020. Another email from the unit commander was sent on 12 November 2020 allowing for liberal UTA excusal.

NGB/A1P sent out guidance in 2021 for unit commanders to verify service credit for members who did not receive active service or Guard drill points due to the national emergency. Guard units submitted verified lists of members to receive service credit points. The Missouri ANG submitted a list of members who were eligible to receive retirement points; however, due to the applicant's transfer to the AFR, her name was not listed. NGB/A1PP contacted the Missouri ANG and received confirmation the applicant was indeed eligible to receive points for UTA cancellation due to COVID-19.

Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is evidence of an error or injustice. On 6 January 2022, the Secretary of the Air Force delegated authority to grant retirement points to the ANG and the AFR. The guidance allowed Air Reserve Components to grant up to 35 points for scheduled active service or periods of drill or equivalent instruction unable to be performed due to travel restrictions from 1 March 2020, through the date upon which the national emergency declared in Proclamation 9994 is lifted. Confirmation the applicant was eligible to receive service points was received from the Missouri ANG.

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 12 August 2024 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 NGB/A1PP and finds a preponderance of the evidence substantiates the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show her Reserve Component participation record reflect three (3) additional non-paid inactive duty points for Retention/Retirement Year ending 17 May 2021.

## 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-2024-01587 in Executive Session on 14 January 2025:

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III, Panel Chair  
Panel Member  
Panel Member

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

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 30 April 2024.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, NGB/A1PP, w/atch, dated 1 August 2024.
- Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 12 August 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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