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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-2024-01668

**COUNSEL:** [REDACTED]

**HEARING REQUESTED:** [REDACTED]

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**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 31 Jan 15, be corrected to reflect the following:

1. Item 4a, *Grade, Rate or Rank*: TSgt.
2. Item 4b, *Pay Grade*: (E-6).
3. Item 14, *Military Education*:
  - a. Naval Special Warfare Diving Supervisor (K-431-0048A).
  - b. Terminal Attack Controller Course 0210 (TACC) PDS Code 13R (81 Hours). **(Will be administratively corrected)**.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

His rank was reinstated per Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-3203, *Service Retirements*, paragraph, 8.5., Advancing Enlisted Members to a Higher Grade After 30 Years of Service. He Entered the Air Force on 26 Aug 93, and his 30-year mark was 26 Aug 23. He would like for his rank/grade to reflect TSgt (E-6) on his DD Form 214. He earned the Naval Special Warfare Diving Supervisor qualification and completed the Terminal Attack Controller Course and believes they should both be reflected on his DD Form 214.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a retired Air Force airman basic (E-1).

On 26 Aug 93, according to DD Form 4, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States*, the applicant entered the Regular Air Force.

On 16 Aug 13, the applicant was convicted at a Special Court-Martial of one charge and two specifications of wrongfully using cocaine in violation of Article 112a, Uniform Code of Military Justice. He was sentenced to a reduction to E-1, hard labor without confinement for three months,

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restriction to the limits of his duty location for two months, and a reprimand. His court-martial sentence did not include punitive discharge.

On 26 Aug 13, the applicant attained 20 years of service and became eligible for retirement.

On 20 Sep 13, the applicant was notified of his commander's administrative discharge intent pursuant to Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 36-32, *Military Retirements and Separations* and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-3208, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.54, Drug Abuse.

On 30 Sep 13, the applicant submitted a request for Retirement in Lieu of Administrative Discharge Proceeding (RILO).

On 6 Jan 14, the notification package was amended to include notification for discharge in accordance with AFI 36-3208, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.50.2, Pattern of Misconduct: Conduct Prejudicial to Good Order and Discipline.

On 15 Jan 14, the applicant responded to the addendum notification and submitted a second RILO request.

On 12 Feb 14, the Separation Authority denied the applicant's RILO request and determined the discharge proceedings would continue.

On 25 Apr 14, a discharge board recommended the applicant be separated from the United States Air Force (USAF) for both Drug Abuse and a Pattern of Misconduct with an under honorable conditions (general) service characterization without Probation and Rehabilitation (P&R).

On 29 Apr 14, the applicant submitted a third RILO request.

On 8 Aug 14, the Separation Authority recommended denial of the applicant's RILO request and approved an under honorable conditions (general) discharge without P&R pursuant to AFI 36-3208, paragraphs 5.54 and 5.54.2.

On 19 Aug 14, in a legal review of the applicant's RILO request, the Major Command (MAJCOM) Judge Advocate (JA) disagreed with the Separation Authority's decision to deny the applicant's RILO request, and recommended the MAJCOM commander forward the request to the Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Counsel (SAFPC) with an approval recommendation. The MAJCOM commander forwarded the RILO request to SAFPC with a recommendation that the applicant's RILO be approved in lieu of Administrative Discharge.

On 31 Jan 15, the applicant was honorably discharged from the USAF with a *Narrative Reason of Separation* of Sufficient Service for Retirement. He was credited with 21 years, 5 months and 5 days of active service. His military education included: USAF Basic Military Training, Oct 93; (9PF) Air Force Level 1 Ground Combat, Mar 94; Airman Leadership School (Residence), Sep 97; (5KL) AC-130U Comm/Nav/Mission Systems (O. Maint.), Oct 98; (9Q6) Special Forces Combat Dive Qual (2E-SI4W/011-ASIW7), Nov 98; (A9M) Airborne (2E-SI5P/SQI7/011-SQIP), Feb 99; (RLW) Mil Free Fall Parachutist (2E-SI4X/ASI4X/011-ASIW8) SC:331, Jun 99; (ERR) Combat Survival Training, Aug 00; (319) Combat Control Apprentice Course (Enlisted & Officer), Dec 00; (AJI) Combat Control Team Leader Course, Jan 02; (2O5) Survey and Assault Zone Assessment Course, Jul 03; (9AA) USAF Training Course, Mar 04; (FDO) Basic Instructor Course, Aug 05; (2O4) Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Apr 06; (7YB) SF Mil Free Fall

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Jumpmaster (2E-F56/011-F15), Sep 06; Non Commissioned Officer Academy (Residence), Apr 11.

On 10 Jun 15, SAFPC found the applicant served satisfactorily in the higher grade of TSgt (E-6) and directed his advancement to that grade on the retired list effective date of completion of all required service.

On 26 Aug 23, according to Special Orders No. [REDACTED], dated 18 Jun 15, the applicant was advanced to the grade of TSgt (E-6) on the USAF Retired List by reason of completing a total of 30 years active service plus service on the retired list on 25 Aug 23. Authority: 10 U.S.C. 8964 § 8992 and SAFPC memo dated 10 Jun 15.

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

### **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DPMLWE (Training) recommends denying the applicant's request to update completion of the Naval Special Warfare Diving Supervisor course on his DD Form 214. In accordance with the Oracle Training Administration Personnel Services Delivery Guide, in order for a course to be authorized for update in a member's Military Personnel Data System (MilPDS) record, it must have a Personnel Data System (PDS) code associated with it. The applicant provided a certificate showing course completion; however, there was no PDS Code listed on the certificate or found during a search. This course is unable to be updated in the applicant's MilPDS records due to it not having a PDS code assigned to it.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPMSSR (DD Form 214 Policy and Procedures) recommends denying the applicant's request to update his rank and grade on his DD Form 214. In accordance with the DD Form 214 Personnel Services Delivery (PSD) Guide; Section E, Table 5, states that rank will be the active-duty grade held at the close out date of the DD Form 214. The applicant was advanced to the rank/grade of TSgt (E-6) on the USAF Retired List which is not associated with the last rank he held while on active duty at the close out date of the DD Form 214. Advancement on the Retired List 30 years after departing from active duty in the Air Force does not affect or change the rank/grade listed on the previously prepared DD Form 214. Therefore, the DD Form 214 is correct as indicated. Furthermore, per HQ AFPC Retirements Office, when an Airman's active service combined with their service on the Retired List totals 30 years, they are advanced if approved by the Secretary of the Air Force or designee. At the time of advancement, the member is entitled to receive a new retired ID card in the higher grade and an increase in their retired pay amount of which will be determined by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit D.

### **APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 12 Sep 24 for comment (Exhibit E) but has received no response.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

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## 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).
2. The applicant exhausted all other available administrative remedies 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 recommendations of AFPC/ DPMLWE and AFPC/DPMSSR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board notes that in order for the requested course to be authorized for update on the applicant's DD form 214 it must have a PDS code associated with it. Notwithstanding that the applicant provided a certificate showing course completion, there is no associated PDS listed on the certificate or found in MilPDS. Regarding his request for the DD Form 214 to reflect the rank of E-6; though he was advanced to the rank of TSgt (E-6) on the AF retired list, this action does not affect or change the rank/grade listed on his current Form 214. Accordingly, the applicant's DD Form 214 is correct as indicated. The applicant did not provide any evidence nor was there any evidence in his record that confirms an error or injustice exist. 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-2024-01668 in Executive Session on 27 Feb 25:

[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 5 May 24.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMLWE, w/atchs, dated 2 Jul 24.
- Exhibit D: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSSR, dated 30 Jul 24.
- Exhibit E: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 12 Sep 24.

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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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Associate Director, AFBCMR  
Signed by: USAF

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