



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-02494

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, dated 26 Jul 91, be amended as follows:

a. Item 14, *Military Education*, corrected to include the following courses:

(1) E3ABR2073100, Morse Code Systems Operator, 1983.

(2) Air Force Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Preparatory Course, Mar 86.

b. Item 13, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*, corrected to include the Air Force Overseas Short Tour Ribbon. **(Administratively Corrected)**

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The courses were omitted from her DD Form 214. She was reassigned on a permanent change of station (PCS) to Alaska for a 12-month remote tour but was reassigned after 7 months due to pregnancy. At the time, 6 months on station was the requirement to receive an Overseas Short Tour Ribbon. She did not notice the errors when she signed the form.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force staff sergeant (E-5).

On 26 Jul 91, according to DD Form 214, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Regular Air Force with a separation code and corresponding narrative for separation of KDF, *Pregnancy*. She was credited with 8 years, 4 months, and 24 days of active duty service and 4 years and 1 month of Foreign Service.

On 17 Jan 25, the Air Force Personnel Center Awards and Recognitions Program (AFPC/DPSTTC) was able to verify entitlement to the Air and Space Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour (formerly the Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour) for administrative correction.

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

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DPMLWE (Air Force Training) recommends denying adding the training courses to the DD Form 214. Based on a review of the documentation provided and analysis of the facts, there is no evidence of an error or injustice regarding completion of specific training. In accordance with the *AFPC Personnel Service Delivery Guide: Oracle Training Administration*, proper source documents, such as course completion certificates, are required for a course to be authorized for update in the Military Personnel Data System to reflect on the DD Form 214. The applicant provided a copy of her Verification of Military Experience and Training (VMET); however, the VMET is unofficial and often inaccurate; therefore, it cannot be used as proof of completion of courses. The applicant failed to provide course completion certificates for the Morse Code Systems Operator Course and Air Force NCO Preparatory Course.

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 23 Jan 25 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 3 Feb 25. In her response, the applicant contended during her service time E-4s were awarded NCO status as "Buck Sergeants" based on time in service and completing the Air Force NCO Preparatory Course. She attended and graduated the course at Yokota Air Base, Japan in Mar 86. On 1 Jul 86, as her certificate reflects she was awarded NCO status, which she would not have received without graduating the course. The only evidence she has for her Morse Code training is her DD Form 2586, which she previously submitted. She attempted to retrieve her training records through multiple agencies but has been unable to do so.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board also 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 (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*.
2. The applicant did not exhaust 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. AFPC/DPSTTC verified entitlement to the Air and Space Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour for administrative correction of the applicant's record. However, the Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DPMLWE and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions for including the requested training courses on her DD Form 214. After a review of the applicant's records, they were unable to verify completion of the requested courses. In addition, the applicant failed to provide course completion certificates, the official source documents required for system update and inclusion on the DD Form 214. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records beyond that administratively corrected.

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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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2024-02494 in Executive Session on 27 Mar 25:

Work-Product, Panel Chair
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All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 7 Jul 24.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMLWE, dated 6 Dec 24.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 23 Jan 25.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, w/atch, dated 3 Feb 25.

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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