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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-02576

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect his medical disability retirement.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He transferred from active duty to the Reserve and was then medically separated and retired due to his line of duty (LOD) injury. His current DD Form 214 does not show his accurate separation details reflecting his medical retirement or the correct dates of service causing confusion and benefit application issues.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a medically retired Air Force Reserve (AFR) senior airman (E-4).

On 1 Jul 09, the applicant's DD Form 214 reflects he was honorably discharged in the grade of airman first class (E-3) after serving 2 years, 4 months, 12 days of active duty. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation of "Interdepartmental Transfer."

On 20 Jun 12, AF IMT 618, *Medical Board Report*, indicates the applicant was referred to the Informal Physical Evaluation Board (IPEB) for cervical and lumbar radiculopathy.

On 21 Feb 13, AF Form 356, *Informal Findings and Recommended Disposition of USAF Physical Evaluation Board*, indicates the applicant was found unfit due to his medical condition of cervical and lumbar radiculopathy with a disability compensation rating of 50 percent with a recommendation of "Permanent Retirement." It is noted, the applicant reported pain while performing his fitness test while on active duty in 2008 and noted pain to his lumbar spine in 2009 when lifting heavy objects. On 15 Jun 12, his commander noted he could not fulfill his military duties and was unable to pass his fitness test.

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Dated 16 Apr 13, Special Order **Work-Product** indicates the applicant was permanently disability retired in the grade of senior airman with a compensable percentage for physical disability of 50 percent, effective 29 May 13.

Dated 7 Mar 25, the applicant's Personal Data Service History indicates he did not serve in an active-duty status beyond 2011.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Per AFI 36-3202, *Separation Documents*, dated 22 Nov 05 incorporating changes through 30 Sep 09, the DD Form 214 is a document used to separate an airman from the Regular Air Force or Air Reserve Component (ARC) airmen from active duty. It provides an accurate and complete summation of active-duty service at the time of transfer, release, discharge, or change of component or status while on active duty.

ARC members on continuous active duty for 90 calendar days or more will be issued a DD Form 214. A DD Form 214 may also be issued to ARC members for completion of less than 90 continuous calendar days of active duty for the following reasons: (1) completion of an initial active duty for training (IADT) regardless of length of time; (2) ordered or called to active duty for support of DoD named Contingency Operation for 30 days or more; (3) or separating for cause (for ARC Airman); or (4) placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) or the Permanent Disability Retire List (PDRL) regardless of length of time served on active duty orders, provided the active duty orders ended on the effective date of retirement.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTS recommends denying the application finding no error or injustice regarding his records. Per DAFI 36-3202, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, paragraph 2.2.1.1, members are required to be on active-duty orders, regardless of length of time, up through their effective date of retirement. There is a lack of sufficient documentation supporting the creation of a DD Form 214.

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 27 Feb 25 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

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, U.S.C., and Department of the Air Force Instruction 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*.

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/DPTS and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Specifically, the Board finds no error with the applicant's DD Form 214 as this document correctly annotates his time spent on active duty. The DD Form 214 is prepared and used to record qualifying active-duty service. A new DD Form 214 is not authorized for members unless he or she is separated while in an active-duty status and the Board finds no evidence to indicate the applicant was on military orders when he was medically retired. His disability retirement order accurately reflects his permanent disability retirement and should be used in conjunction with his DD Form 214 to provide proof of his correct status to other agencies.
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 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-2024-02576 in Executive Session on 18 Sep 25:

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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 17 Jul 24.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPTS, w/atch, dated 31 Jan 25.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 27 Feb 25.

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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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
Signed by: *Work-Product*

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