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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-2024-03026

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COUNSEL: Work-Product

HEARING REQUESTED: Work...

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her retired rank/pay grade be changed from technical sergeant/E-6 to master sergeant/E-7.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Her home unit issued a special order promoting her to master sergeant. However, when she applied for her military pension, her rank is listed as technical sergeant, but should reflect master sergeant.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force Reserve technical sergeant (E-6).

On 2 May 06, according to AF IMT 131, *Application for Transfer to the Retired Reserve*, the applicant requested to be transferred to the Retired Reserve, effective 4 Jul 06. The application reflects her current and highest grade held as technical sergeant.

On 8 May 06, Reserve Order Work-Product was published relieving the applicant from her current assignment, assigning her to the Retired Reserve, and placing her on the Retired Reserve List, effective 4 Jul 06 in the rank of technical sergeant. Comments in the Remarks section state, "Transfer to the Retired Reserve Precludes Promotion/Promotion Consideration. Term of Enlistment Extended for an Unspecified Period. Pay Grade at Age 60 = (E-6) Technical Sergeant."

On 2 Jul 06, according to NGB Form 22, *National Guard Bureau Report of Separation and Record of Service*, the applicant was discharged from the [State] Air National Guard in the rank of technical sergeant. She was credited with 20 years, 4 months, and 12 days of total service for pay.

According to Special Order Work-Prod., dated 2 Jul 06, the applicant received an honorable discharge from [State] Air National Guard, effective 2 Jul 06. The order reflects the applicant's rank as master sergeant.

On 23 Jul 24, according to Reserve Order Work-Product, dated 21 Aug 24, the applicant was authorized retired pay per Title 10, United States Code, Section 12731 and placed on the USAF Retired List in the rank of technical sergeant with her highest grade satisfactorily held as technical sergeant.

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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

ARPC/DPTT (Transition Division) recommends denying the application. A review of the applicant's military personnel records shows she was promoted to technical sergeant on 30 Oct 98. On 5 May 06, the applicant submitted AF IMT 131, requesting transfer to the Retired Reserve, effective 4 Jul 06. The applicant's request for a Reserve retirement was approved and processed on 8 May 06, indicating her retired rank and highest grade held as technical sergeant.

On 2 Jul 06, the applicant was issued Special Order A-127 by her unit, discharging her from the [State] Air National Guard and addressing the applicant as master sergeant. On 26 Jul 23, the applicant applied for retirement at age 60, with an effective date of 26 Jul 24. Her request was approved, and she later retired in the rank of technical sergeant. There is no record in the Military Personnel Data System or her Automated Records Management System record of the applicant being promoted to master sergeant. Between the receipt of her Reserve retirement order and the effective retirement date, the applicant did not request an amendment for, nor provide documentation regarding a change in rank/grade.

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 4 Dec 24 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was not timely filed. The Board 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 (DAFI) 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 applicant contends the discharge order from her unit reflects her rank as master sergeant; therefore, her retired rank should be changed from technical sergeant to master sergeant. However, the Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of ARPC/DPTT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. In this regard, the applicant requested and received approval for Reserve retirement, effective 4 Jul 06, in the rank of technical sergeant and was subsequently approved for retired pay in that rank. While the discharge order from the applicant's unit referred to her as master sergeant, there is no record of the applicant being selected and approved for promotion to the rank of master sergeant. In fact, the order relieving the applicant from her unit assignment and transferring her to the Retired Reserve in the rank of technical sergeant specifically states that transfer to the Retired Reserve precludes promotion and promotion consideration. 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 DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2024-03026 in Executive Session on 24 Apr 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 23 Aug 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTT, w/atchs, dated 20 Nov 24.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 4 Dec 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.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: USAF

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