

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2024-03994

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Her official military personnel record amended to reflect an additional two years of service credit.

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The applicant was placed in a "No Points/No Pay" (NPNP) status for almost two years. She understands why the Air Force initially place her in this status in 2016 due to a retinal detachment and subsequent surgery; however, the applicant's retinal doctor allowed her to return to work. The Air Force Reserve unit sent the applicant's records to the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC). For almost two years no work was done, and no updates were made to her status until Sep 18. The applicant was told she could return to full status and her restrictions would be decided locally. The applicant is requesting credit for those almost two years because she was able to work in her civilian career, but the Air Force did not move on any of her updates.

The applicant contended she was not notified for almost two years regarding her status. She was just left in limbo with no direction from either her local unit or Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC). During this time, the applicant received no updates on her status and, in the meantime, her unit was deployed and many of her fellow reserve members moved on. The applicant further contended it was not her fault that she had no guidance. The applicant continued to give the latest updates on her status from her retinal specialist and those updates were forwarded to AFRC with no response. Even though the applicant was a reserve member, it was a hardship not to allow her to drill in any capacity, both financially and emotionally. The applicant believes she was not at fault and those days should be credited to her retirement points.

The applicant is reaching her retirement age in the near future. She is still wondering why it took almost two years to do nothing at AFPC, but transfer her records back to her reserve unit, making the applicant a local problem to deal with as they chose, because there was no direction from AFRC. The applicant has no records because there was no communication or request for information, as she was forwarding all information on her eye status from her retinal doctor to her unit medical squadron as she received it. The applicant has no board reviews, if they happened.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force Reserve lieutenant colonel (O-5) awaiting retired pay at age 60.

On 9 Aug 23, the applicant received her Notification of Eligibility for Reserve Retired Pay at Age 60.

On 28 Feb 19, according to the Military Personnel Data System, the applicant retired from the Air Force Reserve.

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

## **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFRC/A1KK recommends partially granting the application. Based on the documentation provided by the applicant and analysis of the facts, there is evidence of an error or injustice. Per Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2254, Volume I, *Reserve Personnel Participation*, paragraph 1.6.3, a member can participate once they receive an approved waiver from AFRC/SG. Due to the extended processing time, the applicant was denied participation, negatively affecting her participation credit.

The applicant claimed for almost two years after receiving a clear to return to work from the retinal doctor, AFRC failed to act or provide any updates clearing the NPNP status which would have allowed her to return to military duty. AFRC/SGP did not process the applicant's Initial Review in Lieu Of (I-RILO) package and clear her to return to duty until 12 Sep 18, which restricted the applicant from participating in any pay or points gaining activities.

Per AFRC/SG, on 27 Jan 17, the applicant's participation waiver was initially reviewed and denied by AFRC/SGP due to multiple errors and missing information. The policy in place at the time, AFI 36-2254, Volume I, paragraph 1.6.3 stated, "A member identified as having a potentially disqualifying condition in accordance with AFI 48-123, *Medical Examinations and Standards*, will not be allowed to participate in any pay or points gaining activity until the disqualifying condition has been removed or an approved waiver is received from AFRC/SG. Any IDT which is missed due to this medical limitation will be considered excused. Members will be excused from any type of military duty requirements until the profile has been finalized by AFRC/SGP or removed. When applicable, the Personnel Data System (PDS) will be updated to reflect the member is excused."

The applicant's I-RILO package was internally processed again and closed with her medically qualified to return to duty on 12 Sep 18 on an Assignment Limitation Code – C1. The waiver would have been valid through 30 Sep 20, thus making the applicant eligible to participate up until the day prior to her effective retirement date, 28 Feb 19. The applicant should be entitled to five months, 2 weeks, and 2 days of participation to cover the time she would have otherwise been able to participate, if her I-RILO package was processed in a timely manner. This comes to 20 points for IDTs [Inactive Duty for Training] and 15 points for annual tour participation.

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 1 Jul 25 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 notes AFRC/A1KK's rationale and recommendation for a partial grant; however, the advisory opinion confirms the applicant's contention regarding the extended processing time of her medical evaluation which resulted in her eventual return to military duty on 12 Sep 18. The advisory opinion further states the applicant's participation waiver request was denied on 27 Jan 17 due to errors and missing information, not due to the applicant's medical status, and does not dispute her contentions regarding her return to civilian employment or providing updates from her medical specialist. 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:

a. She was awarded sufficient Inactive Duty for Training points for the Retention/Retirement year from 18 Feb 17 – 17 Feb 18, when combined with her membership points, to award a satisfactory year of federal service; and

b. She was awarded sufficient Inactive Duty for Training points for the Retention/Retirement Year from 18 Feb 18 to 17 Feb 19, when combined with her membership points, to award a satisfactory year of federal service.

### **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-2024-03994 in Executive Session on 22 Aug 25:

, 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 14 Oct 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFRC/A1KK, atchs, dated 25 Jun 25.

Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 1 Jul 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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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR