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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2024-04148

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, be amended to reflect his grade at discharge was sergeant (E-4).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

He was not aware the error would impact Veterans Affairs (VA) memorial benefits.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Regular Air Force airman first class (E-3) and Air Force Reserve sergeant (E-4).

On 17 Feb 69, the applicant was honorably released from active duty in the grade of E-3 and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. He was credited with 2 years, 7 months and 21 days of active duty service.

The applicant provides DD Form 256AF, *Honorable Discharge Certificate*, from the Air Force Reserve dated 30 Jun 71 showing his grade as sergeant (E-4).

Per Reserve Order dated 30 Jun 71, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Air Force Reserve in the grade of sergeant (E-4).

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

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

**AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2024-04148**

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DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Uniformed Service (DD Form 214/5 Series)*, Paragraph 3.2(a)(1)(a), Members who are separated or released from active service are issued a DD Form 214.

## **AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

AFPC/DPMSP (Enlisted Promotions) recommends denial. The applicant officially separated from active duty Air Force in the grade of E-3. This grade is currently listed on the DD Form 214. The applicant's DD Form 256AF reflecting the grade of E-4 was received from the Reserve. There is no official documentation provided or located that verifies he was promoted to E-4 while on active duty.

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 8 Jul 25 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 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 recommendation of AFPC/DPMSP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Based on the evidence, the applicant was discharged from active duty in the grade of E-3 and there is no error found on the DD Form 214 issued on 17 Feb 69. The applicant's promotion to the grade of E-4 while in the Air Force Reserve is insufficient to warrant correction of his DD Form 214. 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**

**AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2024-04148**

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The following quorum of the Board, as defined in DAFI 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2024-04148 in Executive Session on 6 Nov 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 22 Oct 24.

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

Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DPMSPP, w/atchs, dated 26 Jun 25.

Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 8 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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Signed by: USAF

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