

On 5 October 2022, as recorded by the GUMHD, the applicant was awarded the A&SCM w/2 OLC for the inclusive period 19 March 2021 to 30 September 2022, due to his distinctive accomplishments at [Work-Pr...] Air Force Base, South Carolina.

On 29 November 2022, according to HQ AFPC/DPMSPP, the CY22E Major LAF CSB (P0422E) convened, and the applicant was not selected for promotion to Major.

On 25 September 2023, according to [Work-Product], the Security Assistance Group – [Work-Product] Commander in the name of the Secretary of Defense awarded the applicant a Joint Service Commendation Medal for the inclusive period 17 April 2023 to 3 October 2023, due to his distinctive accomplishments of himself, the Security Assistance Group – [Work-Product], the United States Air Force, and the Department of Defense.

On 28 November 2023, according to HQ AFPC/DPMSPP, the CY23E Major LAF-I CSB (P0423E) convened, and the applicant was selected for promotion to Major.

On 2 October 2024, as recorded by the GUMHD, the applicant was awarded the A&SAM, w/1 OLC for the inclusive period 21 February 2017 to 27 May 2019, due to his distinctive accomplishments at [Work-P...] Air Force Base, Florida.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Background: Historically the “Given Under My Hand Date” is the date the approving official signed the approved decoration, thus making it a matter of record. While AFI 36-2803, *The Air Force Military Awards and Decorations Program*, dated 18 December 2013, with incorporated changes dated 8 February 2018, is absent information regarding a “Given Under My Hand Date”; however, DAFMAN 36-2806, *Military Awards: Criteria and Procedure*, dated 27 October 2022, which replaced AFI 36-2803 states in Attachment 4, Preparation and Distribution of Certificates, Citations and Special Orders, Paragraph A4.2.2. that, “the ‘Given Under My Hand’ date on the certificate is the date the award was approved.” In this case the “Given Under My Hand” date was not signed until, 2 October 2024, after the date the Board convened on 29 November 2022 and therefore was not considered by the Board. However, the applicant’s argument is that the inclusive period of the award (or the act and achievement) was prior to the date the Board convened and should now be considered material information that was not previously considered and as such warrants an SSB. AFPC/DP3SP (Recognitions) and AFPC/DP2SSP (Officer Promotions), have recently changed their stance on correcting the “Given Under my Hand Date.” In the past, cases have been closed for “Failure to Exhaust Remedies” and applicants were told that they must first request an amendment to the “Given Under My Hand Date” from the approval authority, who may approve or deny based on the circumstances. However, after further review of the regulation, AFPC has now advised that the “Given Under My Hand Date” is unamendable by the approval authority. In addition, via e-mail dated, 16 March 2020, titled “Policy guidance needed for Decorations – “Given Under My Hand Date,” Headquarters Air Force A1 confirmed that the “Given Under My Hand Date” is the date that the commander approves the decoration, which is also the same for all Sister Services, Joint Staff and DoD. As such, AFBCMR is the only option that the applicant has is to request a change to the “Given Under My Hand Date.”

According to AFI 36-2501, Officer Promotions and Selective Continuation, Chapter 6, Special Selection Boards

6.3.2. Pursuant to Formal Appeal. The AFBCMR can grant SSBs when they determine an officer's non-selection for promotion resulted because of an error or injustice in the officer's record.

6.5.2. Consider the records of officers as they would have appeared to the original board had the officers been properly considered. Compare the officers' records with benchmark records from the original boards (paragraph 3.3.3).

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

HQ AFPC/DPMSPP recommends denying the application. The applicant was not selected for promotion for the CY22E Major's LAF-I CSB which convened on 29 November 2022. At the time of the CSB convening, the applicant's A&SAM w/1 OLC for the period 21 February 2017 – 27 May 2019 was not in his selection records. The A&SAM w/1 OLC has since been completed with a GUMHD of 2 October 2024 and committed to the automated records management system on 15 January 2025. It is noted the A&SAM, w/1OLC GUMHD is after the CSB convening date of 29 November 2022. The GUMHD of a decoration must be a date prior to the board convening date, to be considered. The applicant has been selected for promotion to Major on the CY23E Maj LAF-I, which convened on 28 November 2023.

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 11 March 2025 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 9 April 2025. In his response, the applicant contended that the A&SAM, w/1OLC was initiated in Spring 2019 and its completion was reportedly overlooked by his military personnel flight. He emphasizes the failure of presenting the medal at the appropriate time. He identifies 27 May 2019 as the appropriate GUMHD for his A&SAM, w/1 OLC, marking the conclusion of the period of service covered by the award. Moreover, it is aligned with his leadership's original intention.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
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 HQ AFPC/DPMSPP and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. The Board notes the applicant's A&SAM, w/1OLC GUMHD of 2 October 2024 is after the CSB convening date of 29 November 2022. In accordance with DAFMAN 36-2806, the GUMHD is the date that the commander approves the decoration. 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 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-2024-04156 in Executive Session on 22 August 2025:

Work-Product	, Panel Chair
Work-Product	, Panel Member
Work-Product	, Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 3 December 2024.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, HQ AFPC/DPMSPP, dated 7 March 2025.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 11 March 2025.
- Exhibit E: Applicant’s Response, dated 9 April 2025.

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.

10/3/2025

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 Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR
 Signed by: USAF