



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

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2025-00281

**COUNSEL:** NONE

**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

**APPLICANT'S REQUEST**

His 15 days Special Leave Accrual (SLA) lost on 1 Oct 24 be restored.

**APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS**

He was not able to take leave during COVID-19 and had 15 days of extra leave carried over by 2024. He received an assignment and began to make plans to use his leave before 30 Sep 24. He reached out to inquire about the COVID-19 leave carry over program which ended on 30 Sep 24. LeaveWeb showed he only had 30 days of use or lose leave. He was told by his finance office he would not lose his additional 15 days of leave, and he only needed to get down to 76.5 days of leave by 30 Sep 24. However, he still lost the 15 days of leave. He would have taken this leave if he were given the proper guidance.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The applicant is a currently serving Air Force senior master sergeant (E-8).

On 13 May 24, the applicant submitted a question to a military pay technician, provided by the applicant, regarding his LeaveWeb balances and was told on 15 May 24, he would carry over 16.5 days of leave for a total of 76.5 days by the end of the fiscal year and the remaining 30 days would be lost.

Dated 17 May 24, DAF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station – Military*, indicated the applicant was to report to his next duty station no later than 15 Oct 24.

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

**AIR FORCE EVALUATION**

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AFPC/DPMSSM recommends denying the applicant's request to restore 15 days of SLA finding insufficient evidence of error or injustice. The applicant was aware of the SLA qualifying period and its expiration of 30 Sep 24; even though, the finance office provided inaccurate information. Per DAFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program* paragraph 6.4.1, "the maximum amount of SLA that may be carried forward is the leave balance at the end of the fiscal year following the end of the SLA qualifying period, not to exceed 90 days."

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

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

### **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 not the victim of an error or injustice. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DPMSSM and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Specifically, the Board finds the applicant was aware of the Special Leave Accrual qualifying period and its expiration of 30 Sep 24, IAW DAFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program*, despite the misinformation he received from the finance office. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

### **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-2025-00281 in Executive Session on 13 May 25:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair  
[REDACTED], Panel Member  
[REDACTED], Panel Member

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

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- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 22 Jan 25.  
Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.  
Exhibit C: Advisory opinion, AFPC/DPMSSM, dated 21 Mar 25.  
Exhibit D: Notification of advisory, SAF/MRBC to applicant, dated 25 Mar 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.

5/13/2025

Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by:

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