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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

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DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2025-00350

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: NO

APPLICANT’S REQUEST

His active-duty orders from 1 Nov 18 through 15 Feb 19, 3 Feb 20 through 28 Oct 20, and 1 Nov 20 through 30 May 21, be qualified for the Reduced Retired Pay Age (RRPA) program.

APPLICANT’S CONTENTIONS

He applied for RRPA and was denied several times without an explanation. He performed three sets of orders for a total of 15 months and 26 days that should qualify for the reduction in retirement age. The orders are Title 32 Section 502(f) which is qualifying. When he initially received the orders, he was briefed it was qualifying time because it was 32 U.S.C. 502(f) time for Operation NOBLE EAGLE. When he initially applied for RRPA, while he was in the Guard, his first two sets of orders met the qualifications but when he transferred to the Air Force Reserve (AFR) all his reduced time was lost. He had to reapply but was denied. He was assigned to the 101st Air Operations Center (AOC) which is tasked with protecting the President and North America from all airborne threats and is present for all natural disasters in the United States to which the unit receives federal funding to accomplish these missions. Without this correction, he cannot retire as planned.

The applicant’s complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a currently serving AFR lieutenant colonel (O-5).

On 15 Feb 19, DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, reflects the applicant was honorably discharged after serving 3 months and 15 days of active duty for this period. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation of “Completion of Required Active Service.” In block 18, *Remarks*, it is noted the applicant was on active duty as an Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) per Title 32 U.S.C. 502(f).

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Dated 28 Feb 19, Order Number [REDACTED] indicates the applicant was placed on full-time duty as an AGR on an occasional tour under 32 U.S.C. 328 and 502(f) for the period of 1 Nov 18 through 15 Feb 19.

On 6 May 20, ARPC/DPTT sent the applicant the standard Notification of Eligibility for retired pay (20-year letter) informing him he completed the required years under the provisions of Title 10 U.S.C., Section 12731 and is entitled to retired pay upon application prior to age 60.

Dated 28 Oct 20, Order Number [REDACTED] indicates the applicant was placed on full-time duty as an AGR on an occasional tour under 32 U.S.C. 328 and 502(f) for the period of 3 Feb 20 through 28 Oct 20.

On 28 Oct 20, DD Form 214 reflects the applicant was honorably discharged after serving 8 months and 26 days of active duty for this period. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation of "Completion of Required Active Service." In block 18, *Remarks*, it is noted the applicant was on active duty as an AGR per Title 32 U.S.C. 502(f).

Dated 24 Mar 21, Order Number [REDACTED] indicates the applicant was placed on full-time duty as an AGR on an occasional tour under 32 U.S.C. 328 and 502(f) for the period of 1 Nov 20 through 30 May 21.

On 30 May 21, DD Form 214 reflects the applicant was honorably discharged after serving seven months of active duty for this period. He was discharged, with a narrative reason for separation of "Completion of Required Active Service." In block 18, *Remarks*, it is noted the applicant was on active duty as an AGR per Title 32 U.S.C. 502(f).

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Per the Assistant Secretary of Defense (ASD), Manpower and Reserve Affairs (M&RA) memorandum dated 11 Mar 22, full-time National Guard duty qualifying for a reduced eligibility age for receipt of non-regular retired pay in calendar year 2021 under Title 32, U.S.C. Section 502(f) are as follows:

- 2021 Presidential Inauguration (non-ceremonial duties)
- 2021 Presidential Address to Congress
- 2021 76th United Nations General Assembly
- Post-inaugural security in the District of Columbia
- Proclamation 9994, *Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak*, dated 13 Mar 20.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION

ARPC/DPTT recommends denying the application finding no evidence of an error or injustice. The orders in question do not qualify for reduced age retirement under DoDI 1217.07, *Service Credit for Non-regular Retirement*. A review of the orders in question was conducted within myFSS and were determined as non-qualifying under DoDI 1217.07 for Title 10 and/or Title 32 502(f) to which the applicant was notified confirming his RRP A date of 1 May 28.

Although 32 U.S.C. Section 502(f) is listed in 10 U.S.C. Section 12731(f)(2), not all service under 32 U.S.C. Section 502(f) automatically qualifies for RRP A credit. Pursuant to DoDI 1215.07, Enclosure 3, paragraph 5f, the ASD, M&RA has designated, by authorizing memorandum, the full-time National Guard duty under 32 U.S.C. Section 502(f) that qualifies for a reduction of the eligibility age for receipt of retired pay for non-regular service. The ASD, M&RA has issued two such implementing memoranda. Only orders citing 32 U.S.C. Section 502(f) and an event listed below qualify for RRP A eligibility.

- Memorandum for Full-Time National Guard Duty Qualifying for a Reduced Eligibility Age for Receipt of Non-Regular Retired Pay in Calendar Year 2019 shows two [sic] designations for qualifying service including 2019 State of Union Address and 2019 74th United Nations General Assembly. (There are actually three designations, Southwest Border Security Mission performed after 15 Feb 19 in addition to the above).
- Memorandum for Full-Time National Guard Duty Qualifying for a Reduced Eligibility Age for Receipt of Non-Regular Retired pay in Calendar Year 2020 shows four [sic] designations for qualifying service: including 2020 State of union Address, 2020 75th United Nations General Assembly, 2020 Republican National Convention, and 2020 Democratic National Convention. (There are actually six designations, Southwest Border Security Mission and as described in Proclamation 9994, *Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak*, in addition to the above).

The applicant provided orders that do not fall within the reduced retired pay age reduction eligibility per the guidance stated above. Additionally, the applicant's DD Form 214's for the dates in question do not include the qualifying verbiage (Title 10 or 32 authority and event) within the remarks section in block 18.

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

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 ARPC/DPTT and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Specifically, the applicant's orders or his DD Form 214s do not indicate he was in support of any of the events which would qualify for RRPA per the USD memorandums. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges the applicant's contention, he was told his orders qualified and was previously given credit but does not find evidence to support this assertion. 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-2025-00350 in Executive Session on 20 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 27 Jan 25.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, ARPC/DPTT, w/atchs, dated 13 May 25.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 15 May 25.

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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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