# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

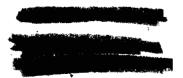
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IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 96-00395

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO



#### APPLICANT REUUESTS THAT:

His under other than honorable conditions discharge (UOTHC) be upgraded to honorable.

#### APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The reasons the applicant believes the records to be in error or unjust and the evidence submitted in support of the appeal are at Exhibit  ${\bf A}$ .

Pursuant to the Board's request, the applicant provided additional documentation for the Board's consideration which is attached at Exhibit C.

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Limited documentation was available. Therefore, the facts surrounding the applicant's separation from the Air Force cannot be verified.

Pursuant to the Board's request, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., provided an investigative report which is attached at Exhibit D.

### THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

- 1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
- 2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.

3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. No evidence has been presented which would lead us to believe his discharge was improper or contrary to the directive under which it was effected. Nevertheless, in view of the passage of time and the post-service documentation provided by the applicant, we believe the continued stigma of an UOTHC discharge is unduly harsh and no longer serves any useful purpose. Therefore, we are of the opinion that upgrading the applicant's discharge to honorable, based on clemency, would be appropriate. Accordingly, we recommend that the applicant's UOTHC discharge be upgraded to honorable.

#### THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that on 5 Apr 57, he was honorably discharged and furnished an Honorable Discharge certificate.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 26 Jun 96 and 23 Jun 98, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Ms. Ms. Martha Maust, Panel Chair

Mr. Gregory H. Petkoff, Member

Ms. Dorothy P. Loeb, Member

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, undated, w/atchs.

Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.

Exhibit C. Letter, applicant, undated, w/atchs.

Exhibit D. FBI Report.

Martha Maux

Panel Chair

# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

WASHINGTON, DC

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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 96-00395

# MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Having received and considered the recommendation of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records and under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code (70A Stat 116), it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to the Corrected to show that on 5 Apr 57, he was honorably discharged and furnished an Honorable Discharge certificate.

Director

Air Force Review Boards Agency