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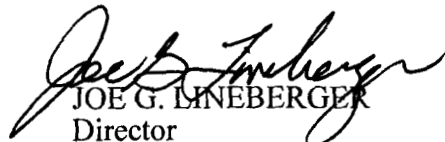
Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 97-00377

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 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] corrected to show that he was credited with nine (9) additional nonpaid inactive duty training points during retirement/retention year 17 April 1995 through 16 April 1996 resulting in 50 total points; and, that the period 17 April 1995 through 16 April 1996 is a year of satisfactory Federal service for retirement.

  
JOE G. LINEBERGER  
Director

Air Force Review Boards Agency

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

OCT 21 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-00377

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be granted special authority to make up points to ensure a satisfactory year for retirement for Retirement/Retention (R/R) year ending 16 April 1996.

APPLICANT CONTENTS THAT:

In a letter dated 9 June 1995, he requested a leave of absence to perform medical duties in an under served area of [REDACTED] and to be allowed to return to his post at the [REDACTED] Medical Squadron ([REDACTED] MDS) upon completion of his year of service in that [REDACTED] y. Due to administrative bureaucracy in that country the start-up date of his assignment was delayed until October 1995. In error, he counted his retirement points for 1995 using the calendar year (which gave him 57 points) instead of the retirement date which shortchanged him by 9 points for a good year. He assumed that he could make up his drills at a later date since he was told that he could not pull drills at [REDACTED] AFB, as he suggested, due to its close proximity to [REDACTED]. He believes that his good performance in the healthcare system of [REDACTED] and his demonstrated commitment to the [REDACTED] Air Force and [REDACTED] (ANG) may someday be an asset to the Air Force and to the United States of America. Because he is now 55 years old and he still needs 10 more good years towards retirement, he kindly requests that he be allowed to make up his lost drills, at no expense to the government.

Applicant's complete submission is attached at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the [REDACTED] ANG in the grade of colonel.

Applicant [REDACTED] volunteered for a humanitarian medical assignment in [REDACTED] from October 1995 to October 1996.

For R/R year 17 April 1995 through 16 April 1996, he has a total of 41 points, which did not meet the requirement for a satisfactory year of service. A total of 50 points is required for a satisfactory year.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The Chief, Utilization, ANG/MPPU, reviewed this application and states that there are no provisions in law, regulation or policy to make up for an unsatisfactory year by a participant. The applicant volunteered to participate in [REDACTED]. While it is admirable that the applicant was able to perform these duties, it has no bearing on the applicant's ability to make up a bad year. It is the applicant's and the unit's responsibility to make sure sufficient points are acquired for a satisfactory R/R year. They recommend the application be disapproved because the applicant was aware of the requirement to obtain 50 points for a satisfactory retirement year.

A complete copy of the evaluation is attached at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant reviewed the Air Force evaluation and states he realizes that it is his responsibility to make sure he had a good year towards retirement. When he left [REDACTED], he added up the points and he came up with 59 but apparently, in retrospect, he must have made a mistake and confused R/R year with either fiscal or calendar years. He had also been told by people he trusted that once he came back, if he was short in points he could make up the difference. As soon as he returned in the Summer of 1996, he worked a lot of days on base, to make up the extra 9 points, as by then he had been informed that he had an incomplete year. Then he found out that he had to appeal to this Board which is what he did more than one year ago. He enjoys being the Commander of the [REDACTED] MDS and performing all his duties and more plus flying with the [REDACTED] Airlift Squadron. He is an older guardsman who cannot afford to lose a whole year of points towards his retirement and for that reason he asks to please reconsider his request, even though he made a mistake in calculation. His Mandatory Separation Date is 30 November 2001 and he will still have 5 more years to put in to obtain 20 good years. If he loses the one year in contention, it would mean that he would need another extra year of service to be waived, if he is still physically fit. Right now he is considering submitting his application for State Air Surgeon but if he loses a whole year of point towards retirement, he may even have to reconsider his future in the ANG just because of his age and not because of dissatisfaction with the military. If his appeal is

favorably considered and he is allowed to obtain 9 IAD points extra for the year in question, he would be willing to work for no pay towards these points.

Applicant's complete response is attached at Exhibit E.

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~~THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:~~

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
3. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of probable error or injustice. Based on the supporting documentation submitted with this application, the Board is of the opinion that the applicant should be awarded the 9 nonpaid Inactive Duty Training (IDT) points for R/R year ending 16 April 1996. In this respect, we note the statement by the Commander, [REDACTED] Airlift Wing, who states the applicant accepted a humanitarian medical assignment in [REDACTED] and due to his dedication to the unit, he periodically returned to the United States to fulfill his obligation to the [REDACTED] Medical Squadron [REDACTED] MSD). However, the applicant did not fully understand the Point Credit Summary system and did not realize he would not be able to secure enough points for a good year. In addition, the Board notes that the applicant indicates he was led to believe he could make up the points if he did not meet the requirements for a good year once he returned to the [REDACTED] MSD. Applicant further states that he assumed he could make up his drills at a later date since he was told that he could not pull drills at [REDACTED] as he suggested, due to its close proximity to [REDACTED]. In view of the possibility that the applicant may have been misled and his volunteering for a humanitarian assignment, we believe the record should be corrected to the extent indicated below.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that he was credited with nine (9) additional nonpaid inactive duty training points during retirement/retention year 17 April 1995 through 16 April 1996, resulting in 50 total points; and, that the period 17 April 1995 through 16 April 1996 is a year of satisfactory Federal service for retirement.

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The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on **22 September 1998**, under the provisions of AFI **36-2603**:

Mr. David W. Mulgrew, Panel Chair  
Mr. Gary Appleton, Member  
Mrs. Margaret A. Zook, Member

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

- Exhibit A. DD Form **149**, dated **31 January 1997**, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, ANG/MPPU, dated **4 March 1998**.
- Exhibit D. Applicant's Response, dated **19 April 1998**.



Panel Chair



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR NATIONAL GUARD



04 MAR 1993

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: ANG/MPPU  
3500 Fetchet Avenue  
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-5157

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records—  
[REDACTED]

The attached Application for Correction of Military Records submitted by the applicant, a member of the [REDACTED] Air National Guard, is forwarded for your review and action.

The applicant requests authority to make up points to ensure a satisfactory year for retirement.

This Headquarters recommends denial of relief. There are no provisions in law, regulation or policy to make-up for an unsatisfactory year by a participant. The applicant volunteered to participate in [REDACTED]. While it is admirable that the applicant was able to perform these duties, it has no bearing on the applicant's ability to make-up a bad year. It is the applicant's and the unit's responsibility to make sure sufficient points are acquired for a satisfactory Retention/Retirement (R/R) year. We recommend this application be disapproved because the applicant was aware of the requirement to obtain 50 points for a satisfactory retirement year

However, if favorable consideration is made on behalf of the applicant, the following action would be necessary to correct the applicant's record: award 9 non-paid Inactive Duty Training (IDT) points to Retirement Year ending 16 Apr 96. The applicant's record would then show 7 Active Duty (AD) points, 28 IDT points, 0 Extension Course Institute (ECI) points, 15 membership points, 50 total and retirement points and a year of satisfactory Federal service.

Questions should be directed to [REDACTED] ANG/MPPUA, DSN [REDACTED]  
or Email: [REDACTED]ng.af.mil.

FOR THE COMMANDER

[REDACTED]  
Lt Col, USAF  
Chief, Utilization

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