

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

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SEP 16 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-03624

[REDACTED]  
COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

Applicant requests he be awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

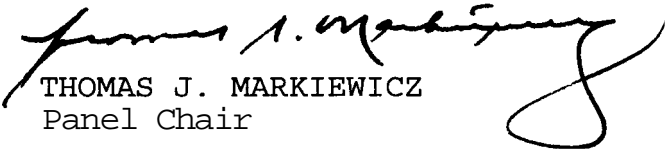
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Mr. Thomas J. Markiewicz, Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., and Mr. Walter J. Hosey considered this application on 19 August 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

  
THOMAS J. MARKIEWICZ  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER

30 JAN 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR AFSCMR

FROM: HQ ARPC/DR  
6760 E Irvington Place #3000  
Denver CO 80280-3000

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Record -  
[REDACTED]

1. The requested correction cannot be accomplished administratively at **this** headquarters.
2. The applicant is requesting that his record be changed to show he is authorized award of the Humanitarian Service Medal.
3. The following is an analysis of the circumstances surrounding the case:
  - a. In October 1986, the applicant was the Officer in Charge of a five man team deployed to [REDACTED]
  - b. The team was successful in developing a detailed engineering survey of a 66 year old general hospital, preparing numerous site plans, electrical distribution layouts, floor plans, and basic electrical designs; all used for renovation of the hospital.
  - c. The recommendation for the Humanitarian Service Medal was forwarded through the United States Southern Command in 1989 and was disapproved. The disapproving Army lieutenant colonel cited that the service in [REDACTED] was exemplary but was not long enough in duration. The lieutenant colonel also alluded to the fact that over 480 service members were deployed to [REDACTED] some at an elevation of 13,000 feet. The [REDACTED] could not make it a policy to award Humanitarian Service Medals to every deploying member.
  - d. In accordance with AFI 36-2803, The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program, the Humanitarian Service Medal is awarded for meritorious service in a significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. All approved operations that have been awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal are listed in Department of Defense Manual 1348.33M, Manual of Military

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Decorations and Awards. The [REDACTED] operation, which Applicant participated in, is not listed as an approved operational area warranting the Humanitarian Service Medal.

e. HQ ARPC does not have approval authority for the Humanitarian Service Medal. Reconsideration of unapproved service awards are handled through the Secretary of the Air Force's office.

f. The applicant claims that he was miscounseled in 1989 as to his right of appeal. He states he just learned of the process for a hearing and review, and decided to initiate this package.

4. Recommendation: Recommend the applicant's request be denied based on the information contained in paragraph 3.d. If the decision is to award the applicant the Humanitarian Service Medal, his record should be corrected to reflect this award.

5. Action officer is SSgt David Rooney, HQ ARPC/DRSP, DSN 926-6134. We can also be reached by e-mail at drooney@arpcmail.den.disa.mil.

**SIGNED**

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Deputy Director  
Directorate of Customer Assistance