RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00169

AUG \$ 0 1998



COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that he be awarded the Southwest Asia 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. Henry C. Saunders, Mr. Dana J. Gilmour, and Ms. Ann L. Heidig considered this application on 18 August 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552/

HENRY C. SAUNDERS

Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

29 April 1998

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPPRA

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Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. This medal is not reflected on applicant's Report of Separation.

3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 21 Sep 76-30 Sep 93. His Report of Separation reflects the following awards and decorations:

AF Training Ribbon

NCO PME Ribbon

AF Longevity Service Award w/3 OLC

National Defense Service Medal

AF Good Conduct Medal w/4 OLC

Air Force Overseas Long Tour Ribbon

AF Longevity Service Award w/3 OLC

AF Organizational Excellence Award

AF Outstanding Unit Award w/2 OLC

- b. Applicant provided a copy of TDY orders sending him from AFB to to a copy of a bout 17 Jun 92 for 91 days in support of Operation DESERT STORM; a copy of the amendment to that order; a copy of advance payment on his Travel Voucher; and a copy of a Boarding Pass. None of these documents show that the applicant actually departed or that he was in Saudi Arabia for the required 30 consecutive days.
- c. Applicant was requested on 10 Feb 98 to provide a copy of his **Travel Voucher** or **PERSCO** Statement, which would reflect the inclusive days he was in **Example 1** He did not respond to the request.
- 4. DISCUSSION. The applicant's records do not contain any documents showing he was in the for 30 consecutive days [TDY], and he did not provide any, even when requested to do so. Without documentation showing he was in the Area of Responsibility for the required number of days, we can not verify his eligibility for much less his entitlement to, the Southwest Asia Service Medal and/or any other awards or decorations.

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5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request to be awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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