RECORD OF FRCCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00996

█████████████████   COUNSEL: None

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Applicant requests that his genera;, under honorable conditions, discharge be upgraded to honorable. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

Applicant's military personnel records were destroyed by fire in 1973. Therefore, the facts surrounding his separation from the Air Force cannot be verified.

The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit B). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit C). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request, we note that there are no records to review and although applicant has provided a statement explaining his service assignment, he has not provided documentation revealing the circumstances of his discharge. Based on the presumption of regularity in the conduct of government affairs and without evidence to the contrary, we must assume that the applicant's discharge was proper and in compliance with appropriate directives. Therefore, we find no basis upon which to favorably consider this application.

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 S. Markiewicz, Ms. Rita J. Maldonado, and Ms. Peggy E. Gordon considered this application on 7 January 1999 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

THOMAS S. MARKIEWICZ
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

A. Applicant's DD Form 149
B. Advisory Opinion
C. Applicant's Response