RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

AUG 1 4 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01743

COUNSEL:

HEARING DESIRED: YES

Applicant requests that his separation be changed to honorable or general. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

The Air Force Discharge Review Board (AFDRB) denied applicant's request for an upgrade of his discharge to honorable on 19 January 1982 (Exhibit B).

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 AFDRB brief appear to be based on the evidence of record. We agree with the opinion and recommendation of the DRB brief and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. 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 applicant's case is adequately documented and it has not been shown that a personal appearance with or without counsel will materially add to our understanding of the issue(s) involved. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.

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. Charles E. Bennett, Mr. Loren S. Perlstein, and Ms. Peggy E. Gordon considered this application on 6 August 1998, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

CHARLES E. BENNETT

Panel Chair

Exhibits:

A. Applicant's DD Form 149

B. Available Master Personnel Records