RECORE - F PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOF CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-02397

COUNSEL: None

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HEARING DESIRED: Yes

Applicant requests that his undesirable discharge be upgraded to general, under honorable conditions. Applicant's submission $_{1S}$ at Exhibit A.

Applicant's military personnel records were destroyed by fire in 1973. Therefore, the available documentation will be used in this Record of Proceedings.

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

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the limited 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 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 issues involved. Therefore, the request €or 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. Michael P. Higgins, Mr. Richard A. Peterson, and Mr. Patrick R. Wheeler considered this application on 2 February 1999 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C.1552.

MICHAEL P. HIGGINS

Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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