DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC



Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-02883

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code, and Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to be corrected to show that all documents and references associated with his self-initiated elimination (SIE) from T-41 training and his declination of Undergraduate Flying Training, initiated on 29 July 1994, and approved on 1 August 1994, be, and hereby are, declared void and removed from his records.

COHNET XAMORAZI Chief Examiner

Air Force Board for Correction

of Military Records

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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT:

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director of the Board or his designee.

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Attachment: Ltr, 340SS/CC, dtd 24 Nov 98, w/atchs



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24 Nov 98

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: 34 OSS/CC

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



- 1. Applicant has submitted a request for correction of military records in regards to his self-initiated elimination (SIE) from T-41 training while attending the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA).
- 2. Applicant believes a situation beyond his control lead to his self-initiated elimination from the T-41 pilot indoctrination program while attending USAFA.
- 3. Applicant was enrolled in the T-41 class 95-05 at USAFA during his third summer training period (summer 94) prior to his first class year (senior). Applicant flew his first sortie on 19 Jul 94 followed by four sorties on: 20 Jul, 21 Jul, 22 Jul and 26 Jul. This is reflected by the ATC Form 860 in the applicant's attached T-41 records. The applicant's progress was above average to that point. The first documented indication of the applicant's desire to a SIE from T-41 training came 27 Jul 94, as evidenced by the ATC 803A in the applicant's attached T-41 records. In the 803A dated 27 Jul 94, the applicant's flight commander wrote, "(Applicant) has stated a desire to SIE. (Applicant) is dealing with many issues right now with the death of his friend, issues with his family, and his own future goals in life. We discussed his situation in-depth and he seems to be making a logical, well thought-out decision. Performance to this point has been strong and attitude is excellent." On 29 Jul 94, the applicant was counseled by the 557 FTS squadron commander and operations officer. **An ATC** Form 126A dated 29 Jul 94 was signed by the applicant, the 557 FTS squadron commander, and operations officer. The applicant also signed on 29 Jul 94 a letter of declination of Undergraduate Flying Training (UFT), where it was clearly spelled out that if the applicant was an SIE he would be ineligible to apply for UFT in the future. The applicant's T-41 records were faxed to the 12th Operations Group at Randolph AFB, TX for review, and the operations group commander, the eliminating official, signed the ATC Form 126A on 1 Aug 94. The applicant was then classified as a son the records maintained at ■ Both the ATC Form 126A and the letter of declination of Undergraduate Flying Training are included in the applicant's T-41 records.

- 4. The summer of 1994 was the last time screening was conducted using the T-41. Fall 94 was used as the transition period to a new aircraft, the T-3A Firefly, and student screening resumed the spring of 1995 using the T-3A for screening cadets. The applicant signed a letter of declination of Undergraduate Flying Training on 29 Jul 94. Air Force Instruction 36-2205, figure 1.1 clearly states that those eliminated for self-initiated elimination (SIE) are ineligible for further flying training. The applicant's SIE records were typical for that time frame and no major discrepancies were noted.
- 5. Recommendation: Remove the declination of Undergraduate Flying Training letter dated 29 Jul 94 and ATC Form 126A dated 29 Jul 94 from Training record. The circumstances behind case indicate his self-initiated elimination from the T-41 program was driven by the death of his friend in an automobile accident. I feel there is sufficient justification to remove these documents from record and that this course of action is in the best interest of the Air Force

DARYL P. JONES, Lt Col, USAF

Commander

34th Operations Support Squadron

Attachments: T-41 Records