ADDENDUM TO RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2005-02978

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM), and receive credit for his service in the Vietnam.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

A similar appeal was considered and denied by the Board on 6 April 2006. For an accounting of the facts and circumstances surrounding the application, and, the rationale of the earlier decision by the Board, see the Record of Proceedings at Exhibit F.

The applicant submits a request for reconsideration, contending that he served in Vietnam.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides a copy of a pay statement to verify his service in a combat zone; a copy of his 1966 W-2, Wage and Tax Statement 1966, and letters of support from the local Veterans Service and American Legion offices.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit G.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice warranting corrective action. After a careful review of the documents provided in the applicant's behalf, we believe that partial relief is warranted. In this respect, we believe the evidence submitted, while not conclusive, provides a reasonable basis to conclude that the applicant served in the Area of Eligibility from September to December 1966. As such, we believe that any doubt should be resolved in the applicant's favor and that he be entitled to the Vietnam Service Medal and "boots on ground" in Vietnam.

Notwithstanding the above, we found no evidence the applicant's assigned units were the recipients of the Presidential Unit Citation while the applicant was assigned. In view of the above, we recommend the applicant's record be corrected to the extent indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to show that:

a. His DD Form 214, Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge, issued 10 August 1970, Item 24, Decorations, Medal, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized be amended to reflect award of the Vietnam Service Medal.

b. He had "boots on ground" in the Republic of Vietnam from September to December 1966.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2005-02978 in Executive Session on 4 October 2011, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit F. Record of Proceedings, dated 3 May 06, with exhibits.

Exhibit G. DD Form 149, dated 27 Oct 10, w/atchs.

Panel Chair