

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2011-02444

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records reflect that he is entitled to the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for service in Vietnam.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

While he was stationed at Anderson AFB Guam from November 1963 to May 1965, he provided direct support of the Vietnam campaign. He served as a maintenance Crew Chief on the B-52 and C-124 aircraft that flew during that time period. He is attempting to join the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post and needs his record corrected.

In support of his request the applicant submits copies of his DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, and AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*.

His complete submission is at exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 26 January 1962.

On 19 May 1965 the applicant was released from active duty with an honorable characterization of service. He served 3 years, 7 months and 1 day which included 1 year, 6 months and 2 days of Foreign and/or Sea Service.

The applicant's DD Form 214 does not reflect award of the AFEM. The AFEM may be awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who after 1 July 1958: participate as members of U.S. military units in a U.S. military operation in which service members of any military department participate in significant numbers. Service members must have been permanently assigned, attached, or detailed to a unit that participated in or engaged in direct support for 30 consecutive days in a designated area of

eligibility (AOE) in a foreign territory (or for the full period when an operation is less than 30 days duration) or for 60 non-consecutive days, provided the support involved entering the AOE. The inclusive dates for the AFEM specific to Vietnam service were from 1 July 1958 to 3 July 1965.

By letter, dated 4 November 2011, AFPC/DPAPP, advised the applicant they were able to verify and confirm his foreign service in Guam from 15 November 1963 to 16 May 1965 for a period of 1 year, 6 months and 2 days. However, they were unable to verify any time spent in the Republic of Vietnam. DPAPP requested the applicant provide additional documentation as proof of service in Vietnam to their office within 30 days of receipt of their letter.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial. DPSIDR states that after a complete review of the applicant's case and in the absence of evidence verifying his entry into the AOE, they recommend denial of his claim for award of the AFEM.

The complete AFPC/DPSIDR evaluation is at exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force Evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 9 December 2011 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, this office has not received a response.

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THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was not timely filed; however, it is in the interest of justice to excuse the failure to timely file.
3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion that relief beyond that already granted administratively is not warranted.

Therefore, we find no basis to favorably consider this application.

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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; that the application was denied without a personal appearance; and that the application will only be reconsidered upon the submission of newly discovered relevant evidence not considered with this application.

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The following members of the Board considered this application BC-2011-02444 in Executive Session on 23 February 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

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, Member  
, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149 dated 21 June 2011, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 21 November 2011.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 9 December 2011.

Panel Chair