

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2011-04979
COUNSEL: NO
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. He be awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal (AFAM). **(Administratively Corrected)**.
 2. His records be updated to reflect foreign service time in Kyrgyzstan. **(Administratively Corrected)**.
 3. He be awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM).
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His current DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, does not reflect the ICM.

The correction of his records would be a true reflection of his service.

In support of his request, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, AF IMT 77, a *Letter of Evaluation*; Special Order TE-0261, certificates of appreciation, Travel Voucher, and his AFAM Citation.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served in the Air Force from 6 Jul 2004 to 5 Jul 2008. He deployed to Kyrgyzstan from 10 Sep 2006 to 21 Jan 2007 and from 28 Oct 2007 to 28 Feb 2008.

Eligibility for the ICM requires service members to have served in direct support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). The period of eligibility is on or after 19 Mar 2003 to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of OIF. Service members must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility (AOE) for 30 consecutive days or for 60 non-consecutive days. The AOE

encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are described in the letter prepared by the Air Force office of primary responsibility at Exhibit B.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

HQ AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial of the applicant's request for the ICM. DPSIDR states, he provided a travel voucher for the period of 19 Oct 2007 to 29 Feb 2008. The document indicates the applicant was in Iraq from 1 Feb 2008 to 14 Feb 2008. This substantiates 14 days in the AOE, but does not meet the 30 days required for award of the ICM.

DPSIDR verified he is entitled to the AFAM per Department of the Air Force Special Order G-25860, dated 11 Jul 2008, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border with one Oak Leaf Cluster for his deployments to Kyrgyzstan. His record will be updated by another office accordingly.

The complete DPSIDR evaluation is at Exhibit B.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 29 Feb 2012, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and comment within 30 days. To date, a response has not been received (Exhibit C).

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 the applicant has not

been the victim of an error or injustice. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

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.

The following members of the Board considered this application in Executive Session on 21 Jun 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

- , Panel Chair
- , Member
- , Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2011-04979:

- Exhibit A. DD Forms 149, dated 15 Dec 2011, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 19 Jan 2012.
- Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 29 Feb 2012.

Panel Chair