

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2011-05120
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. His Bronze Star Medal (BSM) "Given Under My Hand" date be changed from 13 Sep 11 to 1 Mar 11 and filed in his Officer Selection Record (OSR).
2. He receive supplemental promotion consideration by a Special Selection Board (SSB) for the CY11A (7 Mar 11) (P0511A0) Lieutenant Colonel Central Selection Board (CSB).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He was originally submitted for the BSM; however, the medal was downgraded to a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) because it was poorly written. The MSM was approved and placed in his records and was considered by the P0511A promotion board. However, the 451 EOG/CC chose to rewrite and resubmit the BSM, as originally submitted, which later was approved. He believes that if the award had been written correctly the first time it would have been on file in his records and considered by the promotion board. He contacted Air Forces Central (Command) (AFCENT) to see if they could change the date received, but they indicated that there was no way to change the date administratively through their channels.

In support of his request, the applicant provides a copy of his BSM resubmission package, a copy of a letter from AFPC/DPSIDRA, a copy of a letter from AFPC/DPSOO, and e-mail communications.

His complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the Regular Air Force in the grade of major (O-4).

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letters prepared by the appropriate offices of the Air Force, which are at Exhibit B and C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDRA recommends denial. According to the applicant's supporting documentation, the reconsideration request for the BSM was submitted on 4 Jul 11. They are unable to verify that an injustice exists as the BSM reconsideration package was received by AFCENT on 11 Jul 11 and awarded within the time limitations outlined in the governing instructions.

The complete DPSIDRA evaluation is at Exhibit B.

AFPC/DPSOO recommends denial. This evaluation is based on the DPSIDRA review and recommendation. As such, they cannot support the applicant's request for SSB consideration.

The complete DPSOO evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant states that after having discussions with his wing commander regarding the PRF process, his commander indicated that he was stratified as number six of all majors in the wing because he only had four Definitely Promotes (DPs) to hand out. However, his commander further stated that had the BSM been in his records, it was possible that he would have been pushed up one or two positions. Meeting the promotion board with a DP or a "my next DP" push line dramatically improves the chances of promotion for an "Above the Zone" officer. The fact that he was denied this discriminator by virtue of poor writing and staffing is contrary to the intent of the group commander who initiated his BSM and is the very definition of an injustice.

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

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
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 opinions and recommendations of the Air Force offices of primary responsibility and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. The applicant contends that by virtue of poor writing and staffing by his recommending unit he has suffered an injustice. However, we note the Air Force office of primary responsibility (OPR) has indicated the BSM was awarded within the time limitations outlined in the governing instructions. In view of the foregoing, we conclude the applicant has failed to sustain his burden of establishing he has suffered either an error or an 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 AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2011-05120 in Executive Session on 30 Aug 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 1 Mar 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 15 Mar 12.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSOO, dated 28 Mar 12
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 2 Apr 12.
- Exhibit E. Letter, Applicant, dated 18 Apr 12.

Panel Chair