

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00180

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect that:

1. He was awarded The Air Force Training Ribbon (AFTR).
2. He was awarded The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) **(administratively resolved)**.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

All U.S. Air Force personnel, and he assumes all veterans, are now eligible to wear the AFTR.

The unit he was assigned to in England from Oct 70 to Nov 73 was awarded the AFOUA for the period Jun 72 to Jun 73 under Special Order GB-821.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, Special Order GB-821, a Citation for the AFOUA, an AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, and information concerning eligibility for the AFTR.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant entered active duty on 13 Nov 69, was honorably discharged on 2 Nov 73, and was credited with 3 years, 11 months, and 20 days of active service.

AFPC/DPSIDR has confirmed the applicant meets the criteria for award/wear of the AFOUA and his DD Form 214 will be updated administratively.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force, which is attached at Exhibit C.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial of the applicant's request for the award of the AFTR, indicating there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The AFTR has been awarded to U.S. Air Force service members upon completion of initial training beginning in Aug 74. In December 86, the criteria expanded and authorized the ribbon to anyone who was on active duty in Dec 86, regardless of when they completed initial accession training. The applicant was discharged in Nov 73 before the inclusive date of Aug 74. Therefore, he is ineligible for the award of the AFTR.

A complete copy of the 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 20 Mar 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

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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 an error or injustice with respect to the applicant's request for the Air Force Training Ribbon. 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 (OPR) and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error of injustice with respect to the AFTR. Therefore, in view of the above and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting any relief beyond that rendered administratively.
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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

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

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00180 in Executive Session on 7 Aug 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 5 Dec 11, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 2 Mar 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 20 Mar 12.

Panel Chair