

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00508

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NOT INDICATED

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to show he was awarded a second Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His second MSM was omitted on his DD Form 214. The MSM with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster (1OLC) was awarded during his retirement ceremony and his DD Form 214 was already printed and in his retirement package.

He is requesting his DD Form 214 be corrected for three reasons; (1), there is a move to take action against people claiming military awards that they did not earn, (2), he has to show and explain why it was not included on his DD Form 214 (3), it became important enough for him to go through the trouble to update the DD Form 214.

In support of his request, the applicant submits a handwritten note, and copies of his DD Form 214 and signed MSM certificate.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 24 November 1954. He was progressively promoted to the grade of Chief Master Sergeant, E-9, having assumed that grade effective and with date of rank (DOR) and effective date of 1 November 1997. He retired on 30 November 1980 with an honorable characterization of service and was credited with serving 26 years, and 7 days of active duty service.

The applicant's DD Form 214 reflects award of an MSM but does not include an OLC.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial. DPSIDR states the applicant provided a signed certificate for the MSM with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (BOLC) however, the special order was not provided nor could it be located to verify the applicant's entitlement to the BOLC to his previously awarded MSM.

The MSM may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguish themselves by either outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the United States.

The complete AFPC/DPSIDR evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant provided a copy of Special Order G-140, dated 16 December 1980, the citation to accompany the award of the MSM and another copy of the MSM certificate (Exhibit E).

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. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice warranting corrective action. The applicant has provided a copy of the Special Order, Award Certificate and the MSM citation as evidence he was awarded the MSM for meritorious service during the period 28 April 1975 to 30 November 1980. As such, we recommend the applicant's records be corrected as indicated below.
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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to reflect that Item 13, Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized, of the DD Form 214, Certificate of

Discharge or Release From Active Duty, issued in conjunction with his 30 November 1980 release from active duty, be amended to include the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.

The following members of the Board considered this application BC-2012-00508 in Executive Session on 31 July 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 9 January 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 27 March 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 10 April 2012.
- Exhibit E. Documents, Applicant.

Panel Chair