

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00578

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His official records be corrected to:

1. Show his service in Vietnam.
2. Update his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, with appropriate Vietnam Campaign Awards. **(Administratively corrected)**

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He served in Vietnam from 29 May 62 to 29 Nov 62 and from 5 Apr 63 to 12 Oct 63 with the 777th Troop Carrier Squadron from Pope AFB, North Carolina. He spent a total of 373 days of temporary duty (TDY) in Vietnam.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, and AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant initially entered the Air Force on 3 Feb 60.

On 29 May 62, as reflected on his applicant's AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, he departed for a 373 day Temporary Duty (TDY) assignment to an unidentified "isolated location."

His AF Form 7 indicates he returned from an Isolated Tour in Vietnam on 12 Oct 63.

On 31 Jan 64, the applicant was Honorably discharged and credited with 3 years, 11 months, and 28 days of active service, two years, one month, and eight days of which was foreign service.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are described in the letters prepared by the Air Force offices of primary responsibility which are included at Exhibits C and D.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial with respect to the applicant's request to be credited with service in the Republic of Vietnam, indicating there is no evidence of an error or injustice. A review of the applicant's Master Personnel Records and documentation submitted failed to reveal any documentation that substantiate foreign service time in Vietnam.

A complete copy of the AFPC/DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPSID recommends taking no further action relating to the requested awards. Based on their review of the applicant's complete official military personnel records, DPSID was able to determine the applicant served in Vietnam and qualifies for the following Air Force Medals and/or Ribbons, which were not in his record at the time of the review:

1. Vietnam Campaign Medal (VCM).
2. Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (RVNGC w/P).
3. National Defense Service Medal (NDSM).
4. Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM).
5. Vietnam Service Medal with One Bronze Service Star (VSM w/1 BSS).

The applicant's DD Form 214 has been administratively corrected and no further action is required.

A complete copy of the AFPC/DPSID evaluation, with attachment, is at Exhibit D.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 23 Oct 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit E).

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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 untimely 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 an error or injustice. We note that AFPC/DPSID validated the applicant's service in Vietnam and administratively corrected his record to reflect he was awarded the appropriate awards for said service, but recommended no further action. While the applicant's service in Vietnam does not meet the requirement for documentation on the DD Form 214, the Board has found it in the interest of justice to provide similarly situated applicants a "boots-on-the-ground" letter, and therefore recommends the record 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 the APPLICANT be corrected to show that he had boots on the ground in the Republic of Vietnam from 29 May 1962 through 12 October 1963.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00578 in Executive Session on 20 Nov 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Chair  
Member  
Member

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 6 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 3 Apr 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 9 Oct 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 23 Oct 12.

Chair