

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00599  
COUNSEL: NO  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect the following:

1. Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM) (***Forwarded to Air Force Central Command for determination of entitlement***)
2. Combat Readiness Medal (CRM) (***Administratively corrected***)
3. Air Force Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour with one Oak Leaf Cluster (AFOR-ST w/1OLC) (***Administratively corrected***)
4. Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Service Star (SAEMR w/BSS)
5. Air Assault School (***Administratively corrected***)
6. Joint Terminal Attack Controller Qualification Course (JTACQC) (***Administratively corrected***)
7. "Boots on the ground in Iraq from September 2005 - April 2006" in the remarks section (Section #18).

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He was unable to review his DD Form 214 prior to his separation.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, Air Assault School Diploma, JTACQC Certificate of Training, Air Assault Course Order, Army Commendation Medal Certificate, recommendation document for the ARCOM, and an Enlisted Performance Report excerpt.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is a former member of the Regular Air Force who served on active duty from 24 February 2004 through 23 February 2011 with 1 year, 6 months and 13 days of Foreign Service. He was placed on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) in the grade of senior airman (E-4) effective 24 February 2011 after serving 7 years on active duty.

On 2 April 2012, the applicant was notified by AFPC/DPSIT, that after an examination of his military service records, they were able to verify his completion of the JTACQC and the Air Assault Course. DPSIT indicated his DD Form 214 would be corrected to add these courses.

On 16 April 2012, AFPC/DPIDRA notified the applicant that his DD Form 214 would be corrected after AFBCMR action to add his award of the CRM, AFOR-ST w/1OLC, and the AFCAM if approved by AFCENT.

On 3 May 2012, AFPC/DPSOY notified the applicant that they are unable to add "Boots on the ground in Iraq" to his DD Form 214, as a DD Form 214 will not be reissued or amended to show specific locations served in the area of responsibility (AOR) or campaigns for a period of service.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDRA recommends denying the applicant's request for the award of the SAEMR w/BSS. DPSIDRA states the SAEMR is awarded to all United States Air Force service members who after 1 January 1963, qualified as "expert" in small-arms marksmanship with either the M-16 rifle or issue handgun. Qualification as "expert" in both weapons after 22 June 1972 shall be denoted by a bronze service star worn on the service ribbon.

DPSIDRA indicates that after a thorough review of the applicant's official personnel record and provided supporting documentation, they were unable to locate an Air Force Form 522, *USAF Ground Weapons Training Data Form*, stating the applicant qualified as expert with both the M-16 rifle and issue handgun, or a Special Order authorizing the applicant's entitlement to the SAEMR w/BSS. Therefore, they are unable to verify his entitlement to the BSS to his previously awarded SAEMR.

The complete DPSIDRA 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 8 June 2012 for review and response within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, this office has received no response.

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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 timely filed.
  3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of an error or an injustice warranting any corrections by the Board. In regard to the applicant's request for award of the SAEMR, we agree with the recommendation of AFPC/DPSIDR and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for denial of this request. We note the applicant was notified by letter from AFPC/DPSOY that they were unable to add "Boots on the ground in Iraq", as a DD Form 214 will not be reissued or amended to show specific locations served in the area of responsibility (AOR) or campaigns for a period of service. Therefore, this request is also denied. We further note the applicant's request for the AFCAM has been forwarded to AFCENT for consideration as the applicant has not exhausted his administrative remedies for this award. Should the applicant not receive the relief he is seeking, he may reapply to the Board if he believes he is the victim of error or injustice. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting any relief beyond the administrative corrections previously noted.
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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.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00599 in Executive Session on 9 August 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in connection with AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00599:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 17 Jan 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDRA, dated 16 Apr 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 8 Jun 12.

Panel Chair