

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00625
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

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

1. Non-Article 5 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal-International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Afghanistan **(will be administratively corrected)**.

2. Afghanistan Campaign Medal (AfgCM) **(will be administratively corrected to reflect the AfgCM with one bronze service star (AFGCM w/1BSS))**.

3. Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with gold border (AFESR w/GB) **(will be administratively corrected)**.

4. Meritorious Unit Award (MUA).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) failed to update her records despite numerous attempts to correct her DD Form 214 prior to her retirement.

In support of her request, the applicant provides copies of her Non-Article 5 NATO Medal certificate, an ISAF memorandum, special order number G-00461, and MUA and Bronze Star Medal citations.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty from 17 Dec 81 to 31 Dec 11. She served 30 years and 14 days of total active duty service.

On 28 Mar 12, AFPC/DPSIDRA notified the applicant they were able to verify her entitlement to the AfgCM w/1BSS, AFESR w/GB and the Non-Article 5 NATO Medal-ISAF for her deployed service at

Kabul, Afghanistan during the period 12 Dec 08 through 16 Jun 09.

The MUA is given to AF Active Duty, Reserve and Guard units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding achievement or service in direct support of combat operations for at least 90 days continuous days during the period of military operations against an armed enemy of the United States on or after 11 Sep 11. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit (LOM). Superior performance of normal mission will not alone justify award of the MUA. Service in a combat zone is not required, but service must be directly related to the combat effort.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDRA recommends denial of her request for award of the MUA. The applicant provided United States Air Force Central (USAFCENT) special order G-00461, dated 9 Oct 09 and contends that her service with the Air Component Coordination Element in Afghanistan (ACCE-A) from 14 Dec 08 to 16 Jun 09, should qualify her for entitlement to the MUA.

On 16 Mar 12, USAFCENT advised that in order for the applicant to be entitled to the MUA per special order G-00461, she would need to have been directly assigned to the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force, Detachment 3 and under PAS (Personnel Accounting Symbol) Code PX1CHXCD during the award inclusive period of 3 Mar 08 to 30 Jun 09.

On 16 Mar 12, DPSIDRA emailed the applicant requesting she provide official documentation verifying her direct unit of assignment while in Afghanistan was the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force, Detachment 3. In response to their request, the applicant only provided page 2 of special order TE-0062. This document indicates the applicant's temporary duty (TDY) unit as PX1CHXCD but without page 1 they were unable to determine the time frame for which the special order is covering.

Although the PAS Code on special order G-00461 reflects the 9 Air Expeditionary Task Force, Detachment 3, DPSIDRA does not have any official documentation verifying the applicant was directly assigned to the 9 Air Expeditionary Task Force, Detachment 3 and under PAS Code PX1CHXCD during the MUA award inclusive period

The complete DPSIDRA evaluation, with attachment, is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 27 Mar 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

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 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 or injustice. We note the applicant only provided page two of special order TE-0062, which indicates her TDY unit as PX1CHXCD; however, without page one, we are unable to confirm the time frame covered by the special order. Should the applicant provide page one of special order TE-0062 and it confirms she was assigned to the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force, Detachment 3 under Pas Code PX1CHXCD during the MUA award inclusive period we would be willing to reconsider her request. Regarding her request for entitlement to award of the NATO Medal-ISAF, AfgCM, and AFER w/GB, we note the applicant's DD Form 214 will be administratively corrected to reflect these awards. Therefore, aside from these administrative corrections, we find no basis to recommend granting further relief in this case.

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 Docket Number BC-2012-00625 in Executive Session on 25 Jul 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 31 Jan 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDRA, dated 27 Mar 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 4 May 12.

Panel Chair