

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00721  
COUNSEL: NONE  
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:

- a) Block 1, *Name* to read XXX (**Will be administratively corrected**).
  - b) Block 13, add the "Kuwait Liberation Medal for Kuwait and Saudi Arabia (**Will be administratively corrected**).
  - c) Block, 13, add the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor.
  - d) Block 18, add "Vietnam Era Veteran."
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

1. He served honorably on active duty for more than 20 years. Part of his active duty time occurred between 5 Aug 64 and 7 May 75; therefore, by definition he is a "Vietnam Era Veteran."
2. Between 8 Aug 90 and 14 Mar 91, he served with the 363rd Tactical Fighter Wing Provisional in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

In support of his request, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, notarized Order and Certificate of Name Change and Amendment of Birth Record, Desert Shield/Storm Tour Data Certification sheet and other documentation associated with his request.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty from 27 Nov 74 to 31 Dec 94. He is credited with 4 years, 9 months and 19 days of Foreign Service. The applicant was deployed to "Site V" from 10 Aug 90 to 14 Mar 91, in support of Operations DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

The applicant's DD Form 214 verifies he was awarded the KLM; however, it does not reflect whether he was awarded the KLM-Kuwait or KLM-Saudi Arabia.

On 2 Apr 12, AFPC/DPSSRP notified the applicant that in accordance with (IAW) AFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records System* the source document used for a name change must be either the original document or a certified/notarized copy (raised seal and/or original signature).

On 13 Sep 12, AFPC/DPSOR notified the applicant that IAW AFI 36-3202, *Separation Documents* they cannot add the statement "Vietnam Era Veteran" to his DD Form 214; however, his Kuwait Liberation Medal has been amended to read Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait (KLM-K) and will be administratively corrected.

On 22 Oct 12, AFPC/DPSIRP notified the applicant that his request to update his name in the Personnel Data System will be administratively corrected.

On 28 Nov 12, AFPC/DPSID reevaluated the applicant's case due to his rebuttal comments to the Air Force advisory. DPSID states that based on the applicant's deployment dates, combined with the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) campaign awards, he would be awarded the KLM-Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA) and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (AFESR w/GB).

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIRP recommends denial of the applicant's request to change his name in his military personnel records. DPSIRP states the applicant has not provided the requested source documentation.

The complete DPSIRP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial of the applicant's request for award of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) with Valor. DPSID states they cannot verify any units the applicant served with during Operations DESERT STORM/SHIELD that were awarded the AFOUA with Valor. DPSID states that AFPC/DPA has been unable to verify a location for "Site V"; however, his record contains an Air Force Form 7, *Airman Military Record* awarding him the KLM for service in the area of responsibility (AOR) from 9 Aug 90 to 14 Mar 91.

His DD Form 214 also reflects award of the SWASM with two bronze service stars (SWASM w/2BSS); therefore, based on his service dates in the AOR, DPSID verified the applicant's entitlement to award of the KLM-K for his service in support of Operations DESERT STORM/SHIELD.

The complete DPSID evaluation, with attachment, is at Exhibit D.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

By letter dated 25 Oct 12, the applicant reiterates his original contentions. He states he complied with instructions for the name change; AFPC/DPAPP was confused and thought he was asking for boots-on-ground; he should receive the Kuwait Liberation Medal for Saudi Arabia and Kuwait as he requests, and the "V" device was overlooked in his records.

The applicant's response, with attachments, is at Exhibit F.

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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; 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 error or injustice to warrant award of the AFOUA w/Valor or to add "Vietnam Era Veteran" to his DD Form 214. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission in judging the merits of the case; however, we agree with the opinions and recommendations of the Air Force offices of primary responsibility (OPR) and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. We note that DPSIRP has made the necessary changes to effect his name change. In addition, AFPC/DPSID verified the applicant's entitlement to the AFESR w/GB, KLM-K and KLM-SA and will administratively correct his record to reflect these awards. Therefore, aside from these administrative corrections noted above, we find no basis to recommend granting further relief in this case.
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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 Docket Number BC-2012-00721 in Executive Session on 29 Nov 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 8 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIRP, dated 22 Jun 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 4 Sep 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 10 Oct 12.
- Exhibit F. Letter, Applicant, dated 25 Oct 12, w/atchs.

Panel Chair