

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00743

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge* be corrected to reflect entitlement to the following awards and decorations:

1. The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) - **ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED**
 2. The Air Force Good Conduct Medal (AFGCM) - **ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED TO REFLECT THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL.**
 3. The Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long Tour (AFOR-LT).
 4. The United Nations Medal Lebanon (UNM-Lebanon).
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

With the exception of the good conduct medal, authorization for the requested awards should have been automatic. He believes his record speaks for approval. Major division changes in 1958 may have affected the orderly room personnel's performance in taking care of the small details.

In support of his request the applicant provides a copy of his DD Form 214.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is a former member of the Regular Air Force who served from 19 August 1957 to 17 May 1962. He was released from active duty with an honorable characterization of service and was credited with 7 years, 5 months and 27 days of active duty service of which 2 Years, 4 months and 3 days were credited as Foreign and/or Sea Service.

The applicant's DD Form 214 does not reflect award of the NDSM, AFGCM, AFOR-LT or the UNM-Lebanon.

By letter dated 6 July 2012, (Exhibit C) AFPC/DPSIDRA advised the applicant they had made a thorough review of his official military personnel record and provided documents and verified his entitlement to the NDSM and Good Conduct Medal (GCM). Due to the applicant's service dates he is considered for award under the criteria established for the GCM, however, as the AFGCM was not authorized until 1963, he is not authorized this medal.

They were unable to determine the applicant's entitlement to the AFOR-LT and UNM-Lebanon.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends disapproval for award of the AFOR-LT and UNM-Lebanon. DPSID states based on a review of the applicant's official Military Personnel Records (MPR), they determined the applicant was not on active duty during the period for which the AFOR-LT was authorized. Additionally, there is insufficient evidence in the applicant's MPR to support the criteria for award of the UNM-Lebanon.

The AFOR-LT was authorized by the Chief Of Staff, United States Air Force, on 12 October 1980. The ribbon was authorized to be awarded to Air Force and Air Force Reserve members credited with completion of an overseas tour on or after 1 September 1980. Only individuals serving on active duty as of 6 January 1986 are eligible to have the AFOR applied retroactively for completion of an overseas tour.

The UNM was authorized by the Secretary General of the United Nations for specific United Nations missions and actions. Executive Order 11139 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to approve acceptance and wear by U.S. service members who meet the specified criteria. The UNM-Lebanon is authorized to service members who performed service with the United Nations Observation Group in Lebanon (UNOGIL) for a minimum of 6 months between June 1958 and December 1958.

The complete AFPC/DPSID evaluation is at Exhibit D.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 28 August 2012 for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit E). To date, this office has not received a response.

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. 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 and adopt its rationale as the basis for our conclusion that relief beyond that already granted administratively is not warranted. Therefore, we find no basis to favorably consider this application.
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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.

The following members of the Board considered this application BC-2012-00743 in Executive Session on 25 October 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 19 February 2012, w/atch.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDRA, dated 6 July 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 1 August 2012.
- Exhibit E. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 28 August 2012.

Panel Chair