

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00745  
COUNSEL: NO  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, be corrected to reflect award of the Persian Gulf/Desert Storm Medal.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM while serving in the Air Force.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214, a separation order, and an excerpt of a Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) Rating Decision.

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 6 January 1987 to 4 February 1991. He was honorably discharged in the grade of airman (E-2) after serving 4 years and 29 days on active duty of which 2 years and 7 days was Foreign Service.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letters prepared by the appropriate offices of the Air Force at Exhibits B and C.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states that after a review of the applicant's Master Personnel Records and the documentation submitted, they were unable to substantiate any service in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit B.

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial. DPSIDR states they believe the applicant is requesting entitlement to the Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) as it is the designated campaign medal authorized in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM. The applicant served at Misawa Air Base, Japan, from 4 March 1987 to 10 May 1989. This is the extent of any Foreign Service in which the applicant served.

The SWASM is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who served in support of Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM between 2 August 1990 and 3 November 1995 in one or more of the following areas: Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of ten degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude, and the land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and United Arab Emirates; or, individuals serving in Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including territorial airspace and waters) directly supporting combat operations between 17 January 1991 and 30 November 1995.

Based on their review of the applicant's military personnel record and the Directorate of Personnel Assignments office being unable to verify "boots on the ground" in the area of eligibility (AOE) for Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM, they must recommend disapproval for award of the SWASM.

The complete DPSIDR evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Copies of the Air Force evaluations were forwarded to the applicant on 20 June 2012, for review and comment 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 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 opinions and recommendations of the Air Force offices of primary responsibility and adopt their rationale as the basis for our conclusion that the

applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in 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.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00745 in Executive Session on 2 October 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-2012-00745:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 24 Feb 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 8 May 12.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 30 May 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 20 Jun 12.

Panel Chair