

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00873

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

Her deceased husband's records be corrected to reflect he was awarded the Purple Heart (PH) Medal.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The decedent's records were destroyed in a fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. A copy of her husband's PH was stolen and needs to be replaced.

In support of this request, the applicant provides a letter from the National Personnel Records Center and the decedent's death certificate.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The decedent is a former member of the Regular Air Force who served from 20 February 1961 to 23 August 1962 when he was honorably discharged. His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, reflects N/A in Block 26, *Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized*. It also reflects N/A in Block 27, *Wounds Received as a Result of Action with Enemy Forces*. Air Force Form 7, *Airman's Record*, Block 10, *Awards*, contains no information.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial. After a thorough review of the records, the decedent's entitlement to the PH could not be substantiated. The applicant's request does not contain evidence to support the award. Additionally, there were no

medical records reflecting the applicant sustained an injury caused by an enemy and received medical attention.

The complete DPSID evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 25 September 2012, for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

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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 and the available evidence of record in judging the merits of the case. However, the applicant has not provided sufficient evidence to establish the decedent's entitlement for award of the Purple Heart. 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 the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material error or injustice; the application was denied without a personal appearance; and 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-2012-00873 in Executive Session on 27 November 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 8 Mar 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 17 Sep 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 25 Sep 11.

Panel Chair