

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-00983
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect his service in Vietnam.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He is trying to establish exactly when and where he was in South Vietnam in 1966. He received a Gamma Goblin shot for being exposed to Hepatitis while serving in Nha Trang in March 1966. He went on temporary duty from Taiwan to Nha Trang; however, his pay records have mysteriously disappeared or so he was told. His copies of his medical records are the only proof he has with regard to his service in Vietnam.

In support of his request, the applicant provides an excerpt from his medical records.

His complete submission, with attachmens, is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 12 Mar 63. His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, reflects he had 1 year and 21 days of foreign service. His chronological listing of service reflects he served in Taiwan in 1965. The applicant received an honorable discharge on 25 Jan 67 after serving 3 years, 10 months, and 14 days.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letter prepared by the appropriate office of the Air Force, which is at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial stating that after reviewing the applicant's Master Personnel Records and documentation submitted, they were unable to verify any service in Vietnam.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

He responded by submitting a copy of a fellow airman's temporary duty order. He believes that there should be another order similar to this one that reflects his information and details of the temporary duty. He understands that the burden of proof falls on him; however, he is hoping to receive some assistance in retrieving his missing paperwork. He realizes that he is not the only person that is not able to prove his TDY trips into South Vietnam from Taiwan.

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

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. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice. We note the opinion and recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility; however, based on the evidence submitted by the applicant in the form of his medical examination form that reflects he was treated for hepatitis, we are persuaded that he served in Vietnam. In view of this evidence, coupled with the fact that his unit, served in support of the Vietnam War we believe sufficient evidence has been presented to conclude the applicant served in Vietnam. Accordingly, we recommend his records be corrected as indicated below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that he had boots on the ground in Nha Trang Air Base, Vietnam, in March 1966.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-00983 in Executive Session on 11 Sep 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 14 Mat 12, w/atck.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 14 Jun 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 28 Jun 12.
- Exhibit E. Letter, Applicant, undated.

Panel Chair