

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01157
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His record be corrected to reflect his service in Vietnam.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He went on Temporary Duty (TDY) to Vietnam between May 1972 and Aug 1972 while he was stationed in Thailand.

While he was TDY in Vietnam his parent unit failed to update his TDY status.

In support of his request, the applicant provides a copy of his DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty in the Regular Air Force from 22 Jun 1970 to 30 Nov 1974. His DD Form 214 reflects 4 years, 5 months and 9 days of total active service with 2 years, 1 month and 22 days of Foreign Service.

The applicant received the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; however, the criteria for these awards do not require a recipient to have served in Vietnam.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

HQ AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states they were able to verify and confirm the applicant was assigned to Korat, Thailand from 11 Aug 1971 through 10 Nov 1972 but cannot verify that he served in Vietnam.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 20 Jun 2012, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and comment within 30 days. To date, a response has not been received (Exhibit D).

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 the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. Should the applicant be able to provide documentation that establishes he did serve in Vietnam, we would be willing to review his case for possible reconsideration. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

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 AFBCMR BC-2012-01157 in Executive Session on 13 Sep 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2012-01157:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 8 Feb 2012, w/atch.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, HQ AFPC/DPAPP, dated 5 Jun 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 20 Jun 2012.

Panel Chair