

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01164

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His official records be corrected to show he was awarded:

1. The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA).
2. The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait (KLM-K).  
**(Administratively corrected.)**

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

Based upon his active duty service and participation in Operation DESERT STORM/DESERT SHIELD, he is eligible for the award of the KLM-SA and KLM-K.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty from 18 Jul 59 through 31 May 91.

The KLM-SA is awarded to U.S. military personnel who served in support of Operation DESERT STORM (ODS) between 17 Jan 91 and 28 Feb 91, in one or more of the following areas: the Persian Gulf; the Red Sea; the Gulf of Oman; that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of ten degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude; the Gulf of Aden; or, the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

On 4 May 12, AFPC/DPSIDR notified the applicant of their determination of his entitlement for the KLM-K.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are described in the letter prepared by the Air Force office of primary responsibility which is included at Exhibit C.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial, indicating there is no evidence of an error or injustice. The applicant is requesting entitlement to the KLM-SA. The applicant's records indicate he served in the area of responsibility from 17 Dec 90 to 20 Dec 90, prior to the inclusive dates (between 17 Jan 91 and 28 Feb 91) for award of the KLM-SA. Therefore, he does not meet the eligibility criteria for award of the KLM-SA.

A complete copy of the AFPC/DPSIDR evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

The applicant provides an expanded statement in which he explains he flew a qualifying mission in support of ODS during the inclusive period for the KLM-SA. In support of his response, he also provides copies of a DD Form 1351-2, *Travel Voucher or Subvoucher*, covering the period 16 Feb 91 to 24 Feb 91 which confirms he was in Incirlik, Turkey on 18 and 19 Feb 91, and his flight records which show he flew KC-135 missions from Incirlik, Turkey on 18 and 19 Feb 91 (Exhibit E).

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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 untimely 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 an error or injustice. The applicant contends he qualifies for The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA) based upon his participation in Operation DESERT STORM. After a thorough review of the evidence of record and the applicant's submission, we believe a preponderance of the evidence supports corrective action. We note the comments of AFPC/DPSIDR stating that based upon their review of the applicant's official record, they could not verify his eligibility for the KLM-SA. However, we find the documentation the applicant submitted with his 29 May 12 letter sufficiently establishes his participation in operational missions in support of Operation DESERT STORM. Therefore, we recommend his records be corrected as indicate below.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to the APPLICANT be corrected to show that he was awarded the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA).

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01164 in Executive Session on 18 Sep 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

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

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 23 Apr 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, HQ AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 4 May 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 18 May 12.
- Exhibit E. Letter, Applicant, 29 May 12, w/atchs.

Panel Chair