

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01279  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect 65 days service time in Korea.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He was a Aircraft Pneudraulic Specialist assigned to the 18th Field Maintenance Squadron (FMS), Kadena Air Base, Japan from Nov 1973 to May 1976.

While assigned in Japan, he was sent on Temporary Duty (TDY) to Osan AB, Korea on at least four different occasions. Each of the following TDY trips to Korea lasted between 14 and 21 days:

1. Apr through May 1974 for 21 days in support of Air Defense Alert Mission Operations and the 18th TFW Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI).
2. Oct 1974 for 14 days in support of Air Defense Alert Mission Operations.
3. Nov 1974 for 14 days in support of Air Defense Reconnaissance Operations.
4. Mar 1975 for 14 days in support of Air Defense and Reconnaissance Operations.

In support of his request, the applicant provides copies of AF Form 626, *Request and Authorization for Temporary Duty - Military* and AF Form 899, *Request and Authorization for Permanent Change of Station - Military*.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty in the Regular Air Force from 11 Sep 1969 to 30 Sep 1993. He retired in the rank of master sergeant (MSgt, E-7).

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, reflects a total of 24 years and 20 days of total active service with 2 years, 6 months and 21 days of Foreign Service.

The KDSM is awarded to personnel who have been physically present in the Area of Eligibility (AOE) for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days. Individuals must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating or serving on all the land area of the Republic of Korea, on the contiguous waters out to 12 nautical miles, and all airspace above the stated land and water areas.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states after a thorough review of applicant's military records, there was no mention of any time served in Korea. Although he provided a copy of a TDY order, a TDY order does not prove that a member actually performed the TDY. His DD Form 214 does not list specific locations; rather it reflects the amount of Foreign Service a member served. The applicant's Foreign Service reflected on his DD Form 214 appears to be correct.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

He provides a DD Form 214-3, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, which he received shortly before he returned to the United States from Kadena AB, Japan. The DD Form 214-3 (section 19), reflects some of the time he spent TDY in Korea. However, it does not reflect the entire time he was TDY in Korea. He reaffirms his previous contentions and asserts that he spent 65 days TDY in Korea and would like his records to reflect his service time.

His complete response, with attachments, is at 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 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 the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. The applicant's response to the Air Force evaluation is noted, however, we find no evidence that his records should be corrected to reflect any service time beyond that currently reflected on his DD Form 214. Should the applicant provide travel vouchers to substantiate he had additional service time in Korea, we would be willing to reconsider his request. 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 this application in Executive Session on 13 Sep 2012 and 3 Oct 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in AFBCMR BC-2012-01279:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 16 Mar 2012, w/atchs.
- 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.
- Exhibit E. Rebuttal, Applicant, dated 29 Jun 2012, w/atchs.

Panel Chair