

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01327  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be awarded the following awards:

1. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)
  2. Air Force Overseas Ribbon (AFOR)
  3. National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) - **administratively corrected**, and any additional awards he may be eligible for.
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The contested awards are missing from his DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*.

In support of the applicant's appeal, he provides documents extracted from his military personnel records.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 13 August 1962.

On 31 May 1966, the applicant was released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve in the grade of airman first class under the provisions of AFR 39-14, Convenience of the Government. He served 3 years and 9 months, and 18 days on active duty with 1 year, 4 months and 2 days of foreign and/or sea service.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial for award of the AFEM and the AFOR. DPSID states after a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record, they verified award of the NDSM, the

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor (AFOUA w/V), the Vietnam Service Medal with one Bronze Service Star (VSM w/1BSS), the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (RVCM), and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (RVNGC w/P). The applicant's record will be updated accordingly.

The AFOR was authorized by the Chief of Staff, United States Air Force, on 12 October 1980. The ribbon was authorized to be awarded to Air Force and Air Force Reserve members accredited with an overseas tour on or after 1 September 1980. Only individuals serving on active duty as of 6 January 1986 are eligible to have the AFOR applied retroactively for completion of an overseas tour. The applicant was released from active duty on 31 May 1966.

The AFEM may be awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who after 1 July 1958, participate in U.S. military operations, in direct support of the United Nations (UN), or U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations.

Executive Order 11231 authorizes service members who earned the AFEM for service in Vietnam between 1 July 1958 and 4 July 1965, to elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) instead of the AFEM. However, no service member may be issued both medals for service in Vietnam.

The applicant was awarded the VSM for his service at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam, from 11 May 1964 to 7 May 1965, rendering him ineligible for award of the AFEM. However, they verified award of one Bronze Service Star (BSS) to his previously awarded VSM.

The applicant's dates of service render him ineligible for award of the AFOR. He was released from active duty before the AFOR was established, rendering him ineligible for the award.

The DPSID complete evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 28 August 2012, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and response within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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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. The applicant's contentions are duly noted; however, after reviewing the evidence of record, 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 provided sufficient evidence to substantiate his entitlement to the AFEM and the AFOR. Therefore, other than the administrative correction (NDSM) made to his records, we find no basis to recommend granting the remaining 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 an 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-2012-01327 in Executive Session on 25 October 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01327 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 3 April 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 11 August 2012.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 28 August 2012.