

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01353
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. His WD AGO Form 53-55, *Enlisted Record and Report of Separation - Honorable Discharge* be corrected to reflect his combat service.
2. His record be corrected to reflect entitlement to the Air Medal (AM) (**will be administratively corrected**).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His discharge papers were filed away many years ago and he did not notice the error until he began making plans to obtain a gravestone. His combat service record is more important than much of the information provided in his record.

In support of his request, the applicant provides a copy of his WD AGO Form 53-55, Honorable Discharge certificate, a letter from his congressman and General Order 512.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

On 18 Jun 12, AFPC/DPSIDR notified the applicant they were able to verify his entitlement to the AM per General Order 512, Headquarters, 3rd Air Division, dated 18 Mar 45.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states a review of the applicant's Master Personnel Records and documentation submitted failed to substantiate Foreign Service in combat.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 22 Aug 12 for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, this office has not received a response.

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 to add combat service to his DD Form 214. 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. In addition, AFPC/DPSIDR verified the applicant's entitlement to the AM and will administratively correct his record to reflect this award. Therefore, aside from this administrative correction, we find no basis to recommend granting further relief in this case.
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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.

The following members of the Board considered Docket Number BC-2012-01353 in Executive Session on 5 Nov 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 7 Mar 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 8 Jun 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 22 Aug 12.

Panel Chair