

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01436  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be awarded the following awards:

1. Afghanistan Campaign Medal.
  2. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOT-S) - **administratively corrected.**
  3. The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-E) - **administratively corrected.**
  4. The Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) - **administratively corrected.**
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He served in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) from October 2001 to April 2002 and he served in Korea from June 1998 until June 1999. His Veteran's benefits and Department of Defense (DoD) employment eligibility benefits are impacted by the medals he received.

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 12 September 1978.

On 31 March 2004, the applicant was relieved from active duty and retired on 1 April 2004 under the provisions of AFI 36-3203. He served 25 years and 6 months, and 19 days on active duty with 6 years, 1 months and 21 days of foreign and/or sea service.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial for award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. DPSID states after a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record and provided documentation, they verified award of the GWOT-S, GWOT-E, KDSM, and the Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (AFESR w/GB). The applicant's record will be updated accordingly.

The Afghanistan Campaign Medal is awarded to a service member that was assigned or attached to a unit in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days in Afghanistan.

No documentation exists in the applicant's record verifying service in Afghanistan; therefore, the applicant does not meet the eligibility criteria and is not eligible for award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

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 Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Therefore, other than the administrative corrections 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-2012-01436 in Executive Session on 25 October 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01436 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 21 February 2012, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, not dated.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 28 August 2012.