

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01551  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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THE APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

1. His awarded Bronze Star Medal (BSM) be added to his record.
  2. His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, issued in conjunction with his 5 Sep 08 separation, Item 8b: *Station Where Separated*, reflect *Nellis AFB NV* rather than *Randolph AFB TX*.
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THE APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His awarded Bronze Star Medal is not reflected on his DD Form 214.

He was separated at Nellis AFB; not Randolph.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides a copy of the award certificate for BSM and other supporting documents.

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 17 Jun 03. He was separated, on 5 Sep 08, for misconduct (minor infractions), with service characterized as general, under honorable conditions. He was credited with 5 years, 2 months, and 19 days of active duty service, including 2 years, 9 months, and 18 days of foreign service.

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THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial, stating, in part, that the documentation provided by the applicant is incomplete and does not appear to be authentic. Should the applicant wish to pursue award of the BSM, either a special order is required showing he was awarded the medal or he should exhaust administrative

avenues for a retroactive request of the award according to Section 1130 of the U.S. Code.

After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record DPSIDR was unable to locate a special order awarding the BSM. The applicant submitted a copy of a BSM certificate, dated 15 Oct 08. The copy of the certificate appears to contain an Army seal; however after consultation with the Department of the Army, they were unable to verify the award of the BSM to the applicant. In addition, after review of the certificate presented there appears to be several inconsistencies with the BSM which questions the validity of the document. First, the "Given Under My Hand in the City of Washington" is worded "Given this 15th Day of October 2008," and is to the left of the seal vs. being centered above it as with the standard Bronze Star Medal Certificate; second, the "Given this 15th Day of October 2008" is after the applicant was discharged from active service on 5 Sept 08; and third, the document is signed by President George H. W. Bush, 16 years after he left office.

The complete DPSIDR evaluation, with attachments, is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF THE AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 24 Sep 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit D).

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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, the Air Force office of primary responsibility has conducted an exhaustive review of the applicant's issue and we adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our conclusion the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. In addition, in regard to the applicant's request for a change to his DD Form 214, Item 8b: *Station Where Separated*, we have been advised the governing Air Force Instruction requires that Item 8b list the authenticating

base which in this case was Randolph AFB TX. Therefore, in view of the above and 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 the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of material 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-2012-01551 in Executive Session on 15 November 2012, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, undated, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 17 Sep 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 24 Sep 12.

Panel Chair