

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01805

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect he was awarded:

1. The Presidential Unit Citation (PUC).
2. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor (AFOUA w/V) **(ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)**.
3. The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm (RVNGC w/P). **(ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)**
4. Additional Bronze Service Stars to his previously awarded Vietnam Service Medal. **(ADMINISTRATIVELY CORRECTED)**

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He would like his family to have the requested awards at the time of his burial at the VA National Cemetery.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides e-mails and his DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served in the Regular Air Force from 31 January 1967 through 22 January 1971. He was honorably discharged and credited with 3 years, 11 months and 22 days of active duty service.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial of the PUC. The applicant's entitlement to the AFOUA w/V, RVNGC w/P, and one Silver Service Star to his previously awarded VSM were verified.

The PUC is awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and of cobelligerent nations, for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy on or after 7 December 1941. The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and spirit de corps in accomplishing its mission as to set it apart from and above from other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Distinguished Service Cross to an individual. An individual assigned or permanently attached to, and also present for duty with a unit in the action for which the PUC is awarded may wear the emblem as a permanent part of their uniform.

The applicant served with the 8th Security Police Squadron, Ubon Royal Thai Air Base from 21 March 1968 to 13 March 1969. The 8th SPS was not awarded the PUC during the applicant's tenure of service with that unit. He does not meet the eligibility criteria for the award of the PUC.

The complete DPSIDR 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 28 August 2012 for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, this office has received no 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 an error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission and the available evidence of record 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 that relief beyond that already granted

administratively is not warranted. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to grant the relief sought in this application.

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.

The following members of the Board considered BCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01805 in Executive Session on 23 January 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

, Panel Chair
, Member
, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 4 Jun 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 11 Aug 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 28 Aug 12.

Panel Chair