

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01826  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, be corrected to show entitlement to the following medals:

1. The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster (AFOUA w/1BOLC). (Entitlement verified for the basic AFOUA only - his records will be administratively corrected to add the AFOUA)

2. The Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (SAEMR).

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

The above mentioned awards were omitted from his DD Form 214 due to a clerical error. He earned and wore these awards during his active duty service and they should be reflected in his records.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served in the Air Force from 27 Feb 85 to 29 Apr 88, at which time he was honorably discharged. He served on active duty for 7 years, 7 months, and 20 days.

AFPC/DPSIDR has verified the applicant's entitlement to the basic AFOUA. His DD Form 214 will be administratively corrected to include this award.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSIDR recommends denial of the applicant's request for entitlement to the SAEMR and an additional AFOUA. DPSIDR states they were unable to locate an AF Form 522, *USAF Ground Weapons Training Data Form* stating the applicant qualified as expert with either the M-16 rifle or issue handgun, or a Special Order authorizing the applicant's entitlement to the SAEMR.

The SAEMR is awarded to all Air Force service members who, after 1 Jan 63, qualify as expert in small-arms marksmanship with either the M-16 rifle or issue handgun.

The AFOUA is awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units that have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units. Personnel must have been assigned or attached to the unit during a period for which a unit award was awarded to be authorized to wear the ribbon.

The applicant's records will be administratively corrected to reflect an initial AFOUA for his assignment with the 509th Avionics Maintenance Squadron (509th AMS) 15 Aug 85 to 26 May 87. However, DPSIDR was unable to verify any additional units the applicant served with that were awarded the AFOUA during the applicant's tenure with those units.

The 509th AMS was also awarded the AFOUA from 1 Jul 84 to 30 Jun 85; however, the applicant was not assigned to the 509th AMS until Aug 85, rendering him ineligible for award of an additional AFOUA.

The complete DPSIDR evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 8 Aug 12, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, a response has not 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 regarding the applicant's request for award of the SAEMR and an additional AFOUA. The applicant's contentions are duly noted; however, we do not find his assertions and the documentation provided in support of his appeal sufficiently persuasive to override the rationale provided by the Air Force offices of primary responsibility (OPR). Unfortunately, we were unable to locate official documentation in his record that confirms he was awarded the SAEMR. We note DPSIDR has verified the applicant's

entitlement to the basic AFOUA and will correct the applicant's record to reflect this medal. Therefore, aside from the administrative correction noted above, we find no basis to recommend 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.

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The following members of the Board considered Docket Number BC-2012-01826 in Executive Session on 15 Nov 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

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, Member  
, Member

The following documentary evidence pertaining to Docket Number BC-2012-01826 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 17 Apr 12.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSIDR, dated 27 Jun 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 8 Aug 12.

Panel Chair