

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01952
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: YES

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His records be corrected to reflect his service in Vietnam.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His military records do not reflect his service in Vietnam in the years 1967 or 1968.

He was given written military orders to report for 29 days temporary duty (TDY) at Cam Rahn Bay Air Base (AB), South Vietnam. He was also paid \$65.00 combat pay for that period. His military records should reflect this. At the time of his TDY service he was stationed at Okinawa, Japan. He flew out on a C-130 transport and landed first in Da Nang AB and then Cam Rahn Bay.

He has been diagnosed with various Agent Orange illnesses.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty in the Air Force from 7 Jul 66 to 1 Nov 68. His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, reflects a total of 2 years, 3 months, and 25 days of active service, with 1 year, 10 months, and 20 days being Foreign Service.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states a review of the applicant's master personnel records (MPR) and documentation submitted failed to provide any documents that would substantiate Foreign Service in Vietnam. DPAPP states they were able to confirm "boots on the ground" at Naha AB, Okinawa.

The complete DPAPP evaluation is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 26 Jul 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).

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
 2. The application was timely filed.
 3. Insufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice. After a thorough review of the evidence of record and the applicant's submission, we are not persuaded his records should be corrected to reflect service in Vietnam. The applicant's contentions are duly noted; however, without documentary evidence to substantiate his claim, 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 sustained his burden of having suffered either an error or an injustice. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.
 4. The applicant's case is adequately documented and it has not been shown that a personal appearance with or without counsel will materially add to our understanding of the issue involved. Therefore, the request for a hearing is not favorably considered.
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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-2012-01952 in Executive Session on 29 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 18 Apr 12.
Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 21 Jun 12.
Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 26 Jul 12.

Panel Chair