

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02808

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His official records be changed to show he received a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He received an MSM upon his retirement. He requested a copy of his records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, but did not receive them.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant initially entered the Air Force on 15 Jul 58.

On 31 Jan 80, the applicant retired, and was credited with 21 years, 6 months, and 16 days of active service.

On 18 Sep 12, AFPC/DPSOR notified the applicant that there was an error on his DD Form 214 concerning his Place of Entry into Active Duty, and that the error was being administratively corrected.

The MSM is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces, or to any member of the armed forces of a friendly foreign nation, who has distinguished himself or herself by outstanding meritorious service.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are described in the letter prepared by the Air Force office of primary responsibility, which is attached at Exhibit C.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial indicating there is no evidence of an error or injustice. After a thorough review of the applicant's official military personnel record, we were unable to verify award of the MSM. The applicant has been notified of the process for requesting retroactive recommendations for awards from his Congressional member.

A complete copy of the AFPC/DPSID 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 10 Oct 12 for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has 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 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. Although the applicant contends that he was awarded the MSM upon his retirement, he provides no documentary evidence, i.e., copies of the special orders, certificate, and citation, to support this contention. Therefore, in the absence of such evidence, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in the 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.

The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02808 in Executive Session on 20 Feb 12, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

XXX, Panel Chair
XXX, Member
XXX, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, 15 Jun 12, w/atchs.
Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records
Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 4 Sep 12.
Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 10 Oct 12.

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Panel Chair