

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-01290  
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 reflect:

1. Award of two Meritorious Service Medals (MSM).
  2. Award of the Global War on Terrorism Medal (GWOT-E).  
**(Administratively corrected)**
  3. The time he spent at an undisclosed base supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.
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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He served in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 13 December 2002 to 26 May 2003.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides copies of his DD Form 214 and an MSM certificate awarded for the period 13 December 2002 to 25 May 2003.

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

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty from 29 August 1988 to 31 August 2004. During this period he served in Pakistan in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM from 14 December 2002 to 4 June 2003.

On 16 May 2012, AFPC/DPAPP notified the applicant that they were able to verify and confirm "boots on the ground" Foreign Service time in Pakistan, for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, from 14 December 2002 to 4 June 2003, for 5 months and 22 days. The amount of Foreign Service is currently reflected on his DD Form 214; therefore, a correction is not needed for Foreign Service. Since specific locations are not annotated on a member's DD Form 214, their provided letter can be proof of "boots on the ground" for Pakistan.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends the applicant's record be corrected to reflect award of the MSM, first Oak Leaf Cluster (1/OLC) as he provided a certificate that appears to be authentic. Their office will prepare a special order if the Board approves the award.

Their office was able to verify the applicant's award of the MSM (basic award), the global War of Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. The MSM (basic) is currently annotated on the applicant's DD Form 214.

AFPC/DPSID will also administratively correct the applicant's record to reflect the following medals and/or ribbons:

1. Global War on Terrorism Medal (GWOT-E)
2. Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOT-S)
3. Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border (AFESR w/GB)

The complete DPSID evaluation is at Exhibit D.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 29 November 2012 for review and response within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, this office has received no response.

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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. Sufficient relevant evidence has been presented to demonstrate the existence of error or injustice warranting correction of the applicant's record to reflect award of the MSM w/1OLC. In this respect, the Air Force office of primary responsibility (OPR) recommends the applicant's record be corrected based on the submission of what appears to be an authentic certificate and citation. The Air Force OPR also notes that the applicant's MSM (basic) is already annotated of his DD Form 214. We accept their recommendation and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for this correction. In regard to the applicant's request for having his DD Form 214 corrected to reflect his undisclosed time served in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, we note that AFPC/DPAPP

advised the applicant by memo, dated 16 May 12 that this time is already reflected in Block 12f (Foreign Service) of his DD Form 214. AFPC/DPAPP also advised that specific locations are not annotated on a member's DD Form 214. However, the Air Force OPR provided the applicant with a letter confirming his "boots on the ground" in Pakistan for verification purposes. We are in agreement with their actions regarding these matters. Therefore, in view of the above and the evidence provided, we recommend the applicant's record be corrected to the extent indicated below.

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THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT:

The pertinent military records relating to APPLICANT, be corrected to reflect that his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, issued in conjunction with his retirement on 31 August 2004, be amended to reflect the Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

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The following members of the Board considered Docket Number BC-2012-01290 in Executive Session on 10 January 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair  
Member  
Member

All members voted to correct the records, as recommended. The following documentary evidence for AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-01290 was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 10 Mar 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 29 Nov 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 29 Nov 12.

Panel Chair