

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02163
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: YES

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*, be corrected to reflect his service in Vietnam.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

His service in Vietnam was erroneously omitted from his DD Form 214.

His Air Force Form 910, *TSGT, SSGT and SGT Performance Report*, rendered for the period 30 November 1969 through 29 November 1970, includes his duties as "Flies as oxygen specialist on high altitude low opening (HALO) and leaflet dropping missions." During a leaflet drop mission the assigned aircraft landed and spent considerable time on the ground in Vietnam. During 1970, these missions had him spending considerable time at Cam Rahn Bay, Republic of Vietnam.

In support of his appeal, the applicant provides a copy of his 29 November 1970 performance report, and an information document on the North Vietnam Leaflet Campaign.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is a former member of the Regular Air Force who served on active duty from 20 February 1968 to 16 July 1972. He served as a Physiological Training Specialist and was progressively promoted to the grade of staff sergeant (E-5). He was honorably discharged effective 16 July 1972 after serving 4 years, 4 months, and 27 days on active duty with 2 years, 6 months, and 8 days of Foreign Service. His Airman Performance Report rendered for the period 30 November 1969 through 29 November 1970 indicates part of his duties as flying on leaflet dropping missions.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPAPP recommends denial. DPAPP states that after a thorough review of the applicant's military service records, they found no evidence to substantiate the applicant served any Foreign Service in Vietnam.

The complete DPAPP 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 22 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 error or injustice. We took notice of the applicant's complete submission 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 the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. If the applicant is able to provide any source documents, (i.e., travel vouchers, evaluation reports, letters of evaluation, decorations, witness statements, sworn affidavits, etc.) to verify his Vietnam service, the Board would be willing to reconsider his request. However, in the absence of such evidence, 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 issues 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 AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02163 in Executive Session on 23 January 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

, Panel Chair
, Member
, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered in connection with AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02163:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 23 May 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.
- Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPAPP, dated 16 Jul 12.
- Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 22 Aug 12.

Panel Chair