

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02775
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His record be corrected to reflect he was awarded the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (SAEMR).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He should have been awarded the SAEMR. Two areas on his target were shot out and common sense tells you that one or more rounds went thru these holes.

In support of his request, the applicant provides copies of DD Form 214, *Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge*; AF Form 7, *Airman Military Record*, and a National Personnel Records Center memorandum

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant served on active duty from 25 Mar 66 to 23 Jan 70. He served 3 years and 10 months of total active service.

AFPC/DPSID was able to verify the applicant's entitlement to the AFGCM for his service during the period 25 Mar 66 to 23 Jan 70. The applicant's records will be administratively corrected to reflect award of the AFGCM.

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.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial. DPSID's states there is insufficient evidence in the applicant's military personnel records to support that he met the criteria for award of the

SAEMR, i.e., qualified expert with either the M-16 rifle or issue handgun.

The complete DPSID evaluation, with attachment, is at Exhibit B.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 10 Sep 12, for review and comment within 30 days. As of this date, no response has been received by this office (Exhibit C).

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 other than the administrative correction made to his records, the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. In view of the above and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to grant the relief sought in this application.
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THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of a 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 Docket Number BC-2012-02775 in Executive Session on 5 Feb 13, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence pertaining was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 25 Jun 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 4 Sep 12, w/atch.
- Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 10 Sep 12.

Panel Chair