

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02778  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty* reflect his Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (SAEMR).

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He believes that his reenlistment date of 2 May 84 was used as the date he actually went into the service. In addition, his SAEMR is not listed on his DD Form 214.

In support of his request, the applicant provides a copy of his DD Form 4/1, *Enlistment/Reenlistment Document - Armed Forces of the United States*, and a copy of his DD Form 214.

His complete submission, with attachments, is at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

According to the applicant's DD Form 4/1, Item 9, he served a total of 3 years, 8 months, and 27 days of active military service and 5 months and 20 days of inactive military service.

On 19 Sep 12, AFPC/DPSIPV corrected the applicant's DD Form 214 to reflect the correct service date of 5 Aug 80 and his total active military service days.

SAEMR criterion: The SAEMR was authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force on 28 Aug 62. It is awarded to all U.S. Air Force service members who, after 1 Jan 63, qualify as expert in small-arms marksmanship with either the M-16 or issue handgun.

The remaining relevant facts pertaining to this application are contained in the letters prepared by the appropriate offices of the Air Force, which are at Exhibit C.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial and states that they were unable to locate any documentation verifying the applicant qualified as "expert" with the M-16 or any issued handgun. Without the proper documentation it would be an injustice to grant the applicant's request as there is no verification that the applicant met the qualification for the award.

The complete DPSID evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 30 Oct 12 for review and comment within 30 days. 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. 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. Therefore, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, we find no basis to recommend granting 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 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.

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The following members of the Board considered AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02778 in Executive Session on 23 Jan 13, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

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, Member  
, Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 26 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 30 Oct 12.

Panel Chair





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WASHINGTON, DC