

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02799
COUNSEL: NONE
HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

His record, to include an Air Force Commendation Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster (AFCM, 2OLC) awarded for the period 7 Jul 10 to 19 Sep 11, be considered for promotion by a Special Selection Board (SSB) for the P0411D Major Central Selection Board (CSB).

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

Due to an administrative oversight his AFCM (2OLC) was not signed until 21 Dec 11. AFI 36-2803, *The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program*, states "the effective date of all decorations is the closing date of the service period recognized" which in his case is 19 Sep 11.

On 19 Sep 11, he made a Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move; however, due to a delay in signing the decoration, it was not filed in his OSR. The absence of his decoration resulted in the exclusion of performance information and directly affected his non-selection for promotion to the grade of major.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant is currently serving in the Regular Air Force in the grade of captain.

On 16 Aug 11, a Recommendation for Decoration Print-out was prepared on the applicant for the purpose of recommending him for an end-of-tour decoration based on his selection for a PCS.

The applicant was considered but not selected for promotion to the grade of major by the P0411D Maj CSB which convened on 5 Dec 11.

On 12 Jan 12, he was awarded the AFCM.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSOO recommends denial. DPSOO states the applicant's AFCM (20LC) was processed within the guidelines of AFI 36-2803, which states decoration recommendations are entered "into official channels within two years and awarded within three years of the act, achievement, or service performed." Furthermore, IAW published guidance; the decoration award authority announces its final decision once the special order (SO) number is assigned to the citation. In the applicant's case, the AFCM was awarded on 12 Jan 12, by SO GD-018. As such, since the decoration was awarded over one month after the P0411D CSB convened, the citation could not have been filed in his OSR or reflected in any official personnel data systems and subsequently on the officer selection brief (OSB) when the board convened on 5 Dec 11.

The complete DPSOO evaluation is at Exhibit B.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

A copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant on 6 Aug 12, for review and comment within 30 days (Exhibit C). As of this date, this office has not received a response.

THE BOARD CONCLUDES THAT:

1. The applicant has exhausted all remedies provided by existing law or regulations.
2. The application was timely filed.
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 the applicant has not been the victim of an error or injustice. The statement from the applicant's current squadron commander is duly noted; however, it does not substantiate the contention that due to administrative oversight, the decoration was not signed until after the P0411D Major CSB had convened.

Therefore, in view of the above and in the absence of a statement from a member of the applicant's former rating chain, indicating that it was their intent to have the decoration approved and in his records prior to the convening of the P0411D Major CSB, we find no basis to recommend granting the relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified that the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of an 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 Docket Number BC-2012-02799 in Executive Session on 7 Mar 13, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

Panel Chair
Member
Member

The following documentary evidence was considered:

- Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 25 Jun 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSOO, dated 23 Jul 12, w/atchs.
- Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 6 Aug 12.

Panel Chair