RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF: DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-02849

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

He be awarded the following decorations:

1. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).

2. Campaign or expeditionary awards for the Beirut barracks bombing and invasion of Grenada.

APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

He deployed in support of the Beirut barracks bombing on 23 October 1983 and in support of Operation URGENT FURY on 25 October 1983.

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

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted in the Regular Air Force on 4 September 1981.

On 3 September 1985, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the Air Force Reserve. He served 4 years on active duty. He was credited with no foreign service.

AFPC/DPSID has verified the applicant's entitlement to the AFOUA and the Air Force Longevity Service Award (AFLSA). Upon final Board decision, AFPC/DPSOY will administratively correct the applicant's record.

AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

DPSID recommends denial of the AFEM. DPSID state they were unable to locate any documentation in the applicant's military personnel record that verifies he was deployed to the qualifying

area of responsibility (AOR) in support of operations in Grenada for award of the AFEM. Additionally, DPSID has been unable to verify any campaign or expeditionary awards issued for the Beirut barracks bombings in 1983.

According to the applicant's DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, he is not credited with completion of any foreign service. To grant the applicant relief would undeniably state the applicant served in the AOR.

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

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

On 30 August 2012, a copy of the Air Force evaluation was forwarded to the applicant for review and response within 30 days (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

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. The applicant's contentions are duly noted; however, after reviewing the evidence of record, 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 provided sufficient evidence to substantiate his entitlement to the AFEM and a campaign or expeditionary award. Therefore, we find no basis to recommend granting the remaining relief sought in this application.

THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT:

The applicant be notified the evidence presented did not demonstrate the existence of an 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 AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02849 in Executive Session on 15 February 2013, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

The following documentary evidence pertaining to AFBCMR Docket Number BC-2012-02849 was considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 18 June 2012, w/atchs.

Exhibit B. Applicant's Master Personnel Records.

Exhibit C. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 24 June 2012.

Exhibit D. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 30 August 2012.