

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2012-03372  
COUNSEL: NONE  
HEARING DESIRED: NO

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APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT:

She be issued the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KU-SA) for being deployed to Saudi Arabia.

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APPLICANT CONTENDS THAT:

Her unit failed to add her to the list of recipients for medals because she was not considered to be part of their unit due to being assigned to Homestead AFB, FL.

The applicant does not provide any supporting documentation.

Her complete submission is at Exhibit A.

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STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The applicant enlisted into the Regular Air Force on 10 Apr 85. On 8 Apr 97, she was issued a DD Form 215, *Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, which added the Kuwait Liberation Medal (KU) to her records.

The KU-SA criteria: To be eligible United States military personnel must have served in support of Operation DESERT STORM between 17 Jan 91 and 28 Feb 91 in the total land areas including Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

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

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

AFPC/DPSID recommends denial and states they were unable to locate documentation, to include travel vouchers, pay statements, or temporary duty orders, which would verify that she served in

the area of responsibility during the period of eligibility for the award of the KU-SA. Additionally, her records do not reflect the specific assignment location or dates of service.

The complete DPSOS evaluation is at Exhibit C.

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APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION:

Her first deployment was to Southern Turkey and Northern Iraq in Jun 91. She was deployed with Lt Col K of the 1<sup>st</sup> Combat Communications Group, Lindsey Air Station, Germany, who put her name on one travel voucher along with his because some of the travels were classified missions. She does not have her own travel voucher.

She received her KU medal after being separated from the Air Force due to her unit failing to place her name on the roster for the medal during the deployment.

Later, while assigned to Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia, she was deployed to Saudi Arabia with the 68<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron which belonged to the 347<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing. She was deployed to Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, Kobar Towars, from 7 Jun 94 through 13 Sep 94; however, she does not have a copy of her travel voucher as her commander ordered all copies to be retained by the First Sergeant. She was focused on medical needs rather than checking on the status of her medals.

The applicant's complete submission, with attachment, is at Exhibit E.

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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. The applicant's request to be given the Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was noted, however, other than her own assertions, we have seen no evidence by the applicant to substantiate this claim. Consequently, 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-2012-03372 in Executive Session on 12 Feb 13, under the provisions of AFI 36-2603:

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, Member  
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The following documentary evidence was considered:

Exhibit A. DD Form 149, dated 30 May 12, w/atchs.  
Exhibit B. Letter, AFPC/DPSID, dated 9 Oct 12.  
Exhibit C. Letter, SAF/MRBR, dated 23 Oct 12.  
Exhibit D. Letter, Applicant, dated 29 Oct 12.

Panel Chair