

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 97-00916

COUNSEL: NONE

OCT 22 1997

HEARING DESIRED: NO

Applicant requests that he receive the award of the Air Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

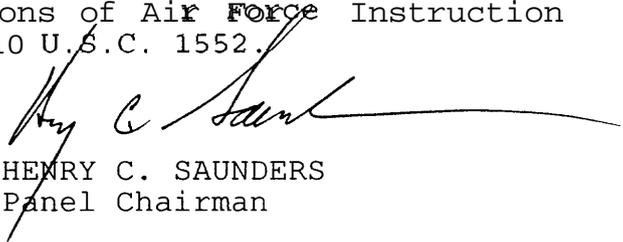
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this office.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Mr. Henry C. Saunders, Mr. Allen Beckett, and Mr. Richard A. Peterson considered this application on 16 Oct 97, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.



HENRY C. SAUNDERS
Panel Chairman

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE TEXAS



MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

17 June 1997

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPRA
550 C Street West Ste 12
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4714

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)
[REDACTED]

1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests award of the Air Medal.
2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant states he participated in combat flight missions 13 Dec 41-4 Mar 42 in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations.
3. FACTS.
 - a. Applicant's records were destroyed in the 1973 fire at the National Personnel Records Center. Although requested, he did not furnish a copy of his Report of Separation. He did furnish copies of the citations for a Bronze Star Medal and the First *Oak* Leaf Cluster.
 - b. Applicant attended a reunion of the [REDACTED] Fighter Squadron [REDACTED] Air Force in 1993.
 - c. The Air Medal is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight..." and "...must be accomplished with distinction above and beyond that expected of professional airmen."
 - d. The few documents the applicant provided indicate that he was a Flight Surgeon with the U.S. Army. He provides no documentation to show that he was ever recommended in writing for award of the Air Medal.
4. DISCUSSION. The applicant has not provided any documentation to verify that he is eligible for or entitled to the Air Medal. He has not provided any documentation regarding his service that can be used to verify his claim, especially his Report of Separation. Without any records and/or his Report of Separation, we can not verify his eligibility for or entitlement to any awards or decorations.

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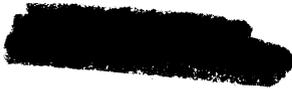
5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request for award of the Air Medal.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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