

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00269

COUNSEL: NONE

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HEARING DESIRED: NO

[REDACTED]

Applicant requests that the DD Form 214, Report of Separation from Active Duty, Block 16b, Related Civilian Occupation and D.O.T. Number, be changed from nurse's aid to practical or vocational nurse. 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. Vaughn E. Schlunz, Mr. Walter J. Hosey, and Mr. Richard A. Peterson considered this application on 10 February 1999, in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.


VAUGHN E. SCHLUNZ
Panel Chair

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

16 OCT 1333

MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/MIBR

FROM: HQ AFPC/DPPAC

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Record (AFBCMR Document # 9800269),
[REDACTED] 6975

[REDACTED] is requesting correction to his DD FM 214, Report of Separation from Active Duty. **Specifically he is requesting** to, "change the title of 'equivalent civilian occupation' entry from 'nurse's aid' to 'practical' or 'vocational' nurse."

FACTS: The DD Form 214 used at the time of [REDACTED] separation contained, Related Civilian Occupation and D.O.T. Number, block 16b. This is the only reference to "equivalent civilian occupation".

DISCUSSION: The Dictionary of Occupational Titles (D.O.T.) was designed as a job placement tool to facilitate matching job requirements and worker skills. It provided job placement agencies a guide to determine similar occupations that were possibly related to military skills. The functional community reviewed available codes and, with the assistance of Personnel, determined the most appropriate D.O.T. code(s) to be used with each specialty. Listing a related job on the DD Form 214, in and of itself, did not "certify" an individual as qualified in any civilian capacity.

During [REDACTED] active duty tour (Jul 71 through Jul 74), the related D.O.T. Jobs for AFSCs 902X0, **Medical Service Specialist, were listed as:** Medical Assistant, Nurse Aide, Orderly, or Ward Attendant. The terms "practical" or "vocational" nurse were not used in the D.O.T. book. The AFSC, along with duty title and **performance reports determined the appropriate** D.O.T. to include in item 16b of the DD Form 214.

Additionally, [REDACTED] formal military training consisted of completing the Medical Services Specialist Course, 3ABR90230, in 1971. This training was not equivalent to the requirements to be an Air Force Nurse. The Air Force restricts award of nursing AFSCs to commissioned officers who have graduated from an accredited school of nursing acceptable to the Air Force Surgeon General.

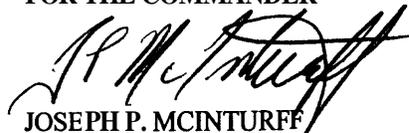
Finally, the requirement to list a related D.O.T code on the DD Form 214 was deleted in July 78. They were deleted from the specialty descriptions as each was revised beginning in Apr 79, and completely eliminated from remaining specialty descriptions with the 1982 revision to AFR 39-1.

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RECOMMENDATION: Correction of the D.O.T. codes used at the time of [REDACTED] military service is not warranted. Therefore, recommend applicant's request be denied.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact SSgt Schycker (210)-652-5678 or DSN 487-5678.

FOR THE COMMANDER



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Chief, USAF Classification Branch

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