

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-0163

MAR 11 1999

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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Applicant requests that his records be corrected to reflect promotion to the Reserve grade of colonel. 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). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

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 adequately 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. Richard A. Peterson, Mr. Terry A. Yonkers, and Ms. Peggy E. Gordon considered this application on 18 Feb 99 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.



RICHARD A. PETERSON  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion
- E. Applicant's Response



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR RESERVE PERSONNEL CENTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: HQ ARPC/DP  
6760 E Irvington Pl #1500  
Denver CO 80280-1500

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records,  
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1. The requested correction cannot be accomplished administratively at this headquarters.
2. The applicant requests promotion to the Reserve grade of colonel.
3. The following is an analysis of the circumstances surrounding the case:

a. The applicant was assigned to the retired reserve section in the grade of lieutenant colonel 1 July 1971. All official correspondence at that time was addressed to the applicant as a lieutenant colonel. There is no record of the Reserve grade of lieutenant colonel being questioned within the three-year period following retirement.

b. Based on the applicant's date of rank (DOR) to lieutenant colonel of 6 September 1964, he may have been eligible to meet the Overall Position Vacancy Colonel Selection Board in July 1969 and 1970. However, there is no documentation available to confirm the applicant met a selection board to the Reserve grade of colonel or that the applicant was selected and then declined the promotion.

4. Recommend denial of the applicant's request. The applicant states he declined the opportunity to meet a colonel selection board; however, there was no provision in the Reserve Officer Personnel Act in effect at that time which would have allowed a member to decline meeting the selection board if he was eligible. Furthermore, there is no documentation to verify the applicant was selected for promotion to the Reserve grade of colonel or if selected that the promotion was declined.

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a. Promotion is based on a "whole person concept" to assess each eligible officer's potential to serve in the next highest grade and not as a reward for long and faithful service.

b. If the applicant was selected for promotion and declined the promotion, he would have had to meet a second selection board while in an active status, be selected and pin on the rank prior to being placed in the Retired Reserve Section. He would then have retired in the rank of colonel.

5. If the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR) agrees with our recommendation, no further action is required.

6. If the AFBCMR disagrees with our recommendation, the following actions should be taken:

The applicant should meet special review boards (SRB) for the FY70 and FY71 Overall Colonel Vacancy Boards; however, we are unable to locate any board results or benchmark records for the Reserve colonel boards held in those years. The AFBCMR would have to award the rank of colonel to the applicant without a recommendation by the SRB.

7. If you have any questions, contact Sandra Corson at DSN 926-6398 or e-mail scorson@arpc-mail.den.disa.mil.

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