



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

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FEB 26 1998

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

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

We have carefully reviewed the complete case file and records as requested by your 25 February 1998 letter for consideration of entitlement to the Purple Heart (PH). Our comments are listed below.

We recommend denial of applicant's most recent request (DD Form 149, dated 27 January 1998) for award of the PH. To be awarded the PH, a member must provide documentation to support he was wounded as a direct result of enemy action and must have received medical treatment by medical personnel. Applicant's records and his statement reflect he slipped and broke his ankle from the fall. Medical documents recorded reflect his injury as an accidental fall. Veteran Affairs medical documentation reflect what the member has reported to them. Member did not have any eye witnesses to substantiate his claim. This injury was not a direct result of the enemy.

With the above information, we must recommend denial of his request. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at DSN 487-5880/5889.

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NCOIC, Purple Heart Review Board  
Recognition Programs Branch

9800270

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00270 JUN 16 1998

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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Applicant requests award of the Purple Heart (PH). Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

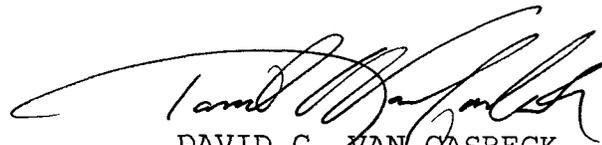
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this 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. David C. Van Gasbeck, Mr. Richard A. Peterson, and Mr. Kenneth L. Reinertson considered this application on 9 June 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.

  
DAVID C. VAN GASBECK  
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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