

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98 00698

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COUNSEL: None

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HEARING DESIRED: No

Applicant requests his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty) be corrected in Block 7A (Place of Entry Into Active Duty) to read Jackson, Mississippi, and the Fourth Oak Leaf Cluster (4OLC) be added to the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) in Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized). Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

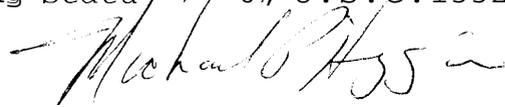
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this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

We note that applicant's request pertaining to Block 7A of his DD Form 214 has been corrected administratively; therefore, the only issue before this Board is his request that the 4OLC be added to the MSM in Block 13. It appears that the applicant was requested by AFPC/DPPRA to provide copies of the orders for award of the third and fourth OLCs to ensure his records were complete and up to date; however, he did not respond. In view of the above and after noting that without a copy of the orders awarding the 4OLC to the MSM, applicant's eligibility for, or entitlement to, this decoration cannot be verified. Therefore, 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 recommend adding the 4OLC to the MSM to his DD Form 214.

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. Michael P. Higgins, Dr. Gerald B. Kauvar, and Ms. Dorothy P. Loeb considered this application on 21 January 1999 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.



MICHAEL P. HIGGINS
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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