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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NO: 98-00847,

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

[REDACTED]

Applicant requests that the citation to accompany the award of the Air Force Commendation Medal, second oak leaf cluster, (AFCM 2OLC) be added to his Officer Selection Record (OSR) for review by the CY 97A lieutenant colonel medical/dental corps selection board, which convened on 5 November 1997. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

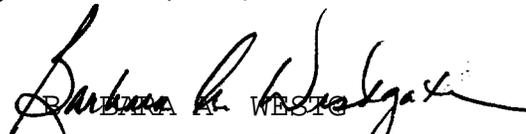
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). As of this date, no response has been received by this 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 Mrs. Barbara A. Westgate, Mr. Henry Romo Jr., and Mr. Allen Beckett considered this application on 15 September 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.


BARBARA A. WESTGATE
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

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



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Requested Action. The applicant, a dental corps (DC) officer, requests addition of his Air Force Commendation Medal, 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster (AFCM 2OLC) be added to his officer selection record (OSR). Although not specifically requested, we believe the applicant is requesting promotion reconsideration by the CY97A (5 Nov 97) lieutenant colonel medical/dental corps (MC/DC) board (M0597A).

Basis for Request. The applicant states the citation was not available for the original board.

Recommendation. Denial of the request for promotion reconsideration due to lack of merit.

Facts and Comments.

- a. The application is timely filed. Application under AFI 36-2401, Correcting Officer and Enlisted Evaluation Reports, would not be appropriate.
- b. The governing directive is AFI 36-2501, Officer Promotions and Selective Continuation, 1 Mar 96.
- c. The applicant has three nonselections by the CY95A (6 Nov 95) (M0595A), CY96A (12 Nov 96) (M0596A), and M0597A lieutenant colonel MCDC boards.
- d. The applicant contends the M0597A board was not aware of his award of the AFCM 2OLC. As support, the applicant provides a poor copy of his officer preselection brief (OPB), dated 25 Jul 97, which does not reflect the decoration. We note the date of the special order for the decoration is dated 20 Jun 97. As such, the decoration should have been reflected on both the OPB and the officer selection brief (OSB). However, the citation was filed in his OSR on 1 Jul 97 — well in advance of the board. Therefore, the board members were knowledgeable the decoration was given which is the ultimate purpose of including them in the promotion selection process. Since the board members were aware of the decoration, it was factored into the promotion evaluation.

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e. The request to file the decoration is moot since it has already been filed in the OSR. We do not support promotion reconsideration based on the fact that it was not annotated on the OSB. The applicant received his OPB three months prior to the board convening date. He had more than sufficient time to ensure the decoration was included on the OSB. Written instructions attached to the OPB and given to the officer before the central selection board specifically instruct him/her to carefully examine the brief for completeness and accuracy. If any errors are found, he/she must take corrective action **prior** to the selection board, not after it. The instructions specifically state, "**Officers will not be considered by a Special Selection Board if, in exercising reasonable diligence, the officer should have discovered the error or omission in his/her records and could have taken timely corrective action**" (emphasis added).

Summary. Our recommendation of denial is appropriate.


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