

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-01825

FEB 26 1999

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING DESIRED: NO

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Applicant requests that his records be corrected to reflect award of the Vietnam Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

On 20 August 1998, the applicant's records were administratively corrected by AFPC/DPPRR to reflect receipt of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with/V and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, and his Foreign and/or SEA Service was corrected to read 1 year and 1 month rather than 13 months (Exhibit C).

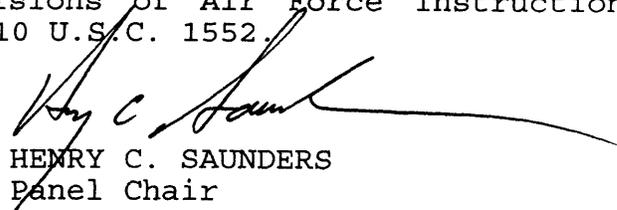
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit D). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit E). As of this date, no response has been received by this 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. Henry C. Saunders, Ms. Sophie A. Clark, and Ms. Ann L. Heidig, considered this application on 10 December 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603 and the governing statute, 10 U.S.C. 1552.


HENRY C. SAUNDERS
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. HQ AFPC/DPPRR Ltr, dtd 21 Aug 98, w/atch
- D. Advisory Opinion
- E. SAF/MIBR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER
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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

3 August 1998

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

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records (DD Form 149)

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1. REQUESTED ACTION. Applicant requests DD Form 214 reflect his Vietnam Service by adding the Vietnam Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.
 2. BASIS FOR REQUEST. Applicant wants to join the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization and obtain veterans benefits.
 3. FACTS.

a. Applicant served on Active Duty 25 Aug 65-24 Jan 69, with an overseas assignment to the 345th Tactical Air Squadron in Taiwan 23 Jun 67-23 Jul 68. His DD Form 214 reflects award of the National Defense Service Medal and Air Force Good Conduct Medal.

b. The 345th Tactical Air Squadron earned the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with V and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm while the applicant was assigned to the unit. These awards have been added to his DD Form 214.

c. Applicant is not eligible for the Vietnam Service Medal. He was not assigned to a unit in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia or Laos. He was not a regularly assigned crew member on flights into Vietnam from Taiwan, nor has he provided documentation to show that he served 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam.

d. Applicant is not eligible for the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He served in Taiwan, but there is no evidence he contributed direct combat support to the RVN Armed Forces for an aggregate of six months. Furthermore, since he did not meet the criteria established for the Armed Force Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam) or Vietnam Service Medal, he is not considered to have contributed direct combat support to the RVN Armed Forces.

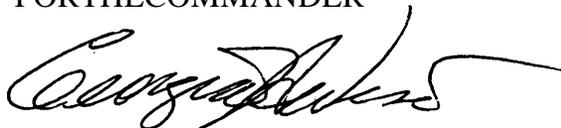
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4. DISCUSSION. There is no doubt the applicant flew into Vietnam on several trips from Taiwan, and he may have contributed support to ~~U.S.~~ combat forces in Vietnam; however, he has not met the criteria for award of the Vietnam Service Medal or the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Although he has provided a "certificate" stating he met the criteria for award of the Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, it is undated, not signed by the proper officer, and not considered valid, ~~as~~ the applicant does not meet the criteria for either award.

5. RECOMMENDATION.

We recommend disapproval of the applicant's request for award of the Vietnam Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

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