



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
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Office of the Assistant Secretary

AFBCMR 98-02172

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

Under the authority of Section 1552, Title 10, United States Code and Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and having assured compliance with the provisions of the above regulation, the decision of the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records is announced, and it is directed that:

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to [REDACTED] be corrected to show that on 15 April 1998, he was voluntarily ordered to extended active duty in the grade of captain, rather than first lieutenant, based on his entitlement to credit for the 7 years of experience needed to earn one year of service credit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John J. D'Orazio".

JOHN J. D'ORAZIO  
Chief Examiner  
Air Force Board for Correction  
of Military Records



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MEMORANDUM OF CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION BEFORE THE AFBCMR

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

Having carefully reviewed this application, we agree with the recommendation of the Air Force office of primary responsibility and adopt the rationale expressed as the basis for our decision that the applicant has been the victim of either an error or an injustice. Therefore, under the authority delegated in AFI 36-2603, the applicant's records will be corrected as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum for the Chief of Staff signed by the Executive Director of the Board or his designee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Douglas J. Heston", is positioned above the title "Panel Chair".

Panel Chair

Attachments:

1. Ltr, HQ AFPC/DPAH, dtd Aug 17, 1998, w/Atch
2. Applicant's Statement, dtd Aug 10, 1998



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

MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

7 AUG 1998

FROM HQ AFPC/DPAH  
550 C St ~~West~~ Ste 28  
Randolph AFB TX 78150-4730

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

[REDACTED] is requesting a correction of his records to receive one **additional year** of service credit. This year of credit would have allowed him to enter **active duty** in **April 1998** as a captain, rather than a first lieutenant,

This request is based on the fact that [REDACTED] was given incorrect advice by chaplain recruitment and appointment personnel, and commissioned 4 months prior to completing the **7 years** ministry experience needed to receive the one year of service credit. He was then brought on active duty as a captain, but later told that due to the miscalculation he would have to revert to **first** lieutenant.

Chaplains receive 3 years of service credit for their graduate education (AFI 36-2005), and with one **additional year** of service credit are eligible to enter active duty in the **grade** of captain (AFI 36-2008). [REDACTED] finished his education in **November 1990**, and should have been advised to wait to be appointed until he had completed 7 years of experience in **November 1997**. Instead he was commissioned in **July of 1997**, four months short of completing the required experience. He did not enter active duty until **April 1998**. To complicate the earlier error, [REDACTED] was erroneously granted the extra year of service credit, and ordered to active duty in the **grade of captain**. An audit of his record caught this error after he had been on active duty, serving and being paid as a captain for **3 months**. To require Chaplain Lockett to revert to the rank of first lieutenant would cause personal and **financial** hardship to the member, based on **mistakes made** by the Air Force.

[REDACTED] incorrectly assumes in his request package that he would have been commissioned as a captain in **July 1997**, if he had completed 7 years experience at that time. Since the requirements for **appointment grade** and **active duty grade** are different, with **7 years experience** he still would have been appointed as a first lieutenant in the Reserves, but would have been promoted to captain on his first day of active duty. The member should not be caused hardship by **mistakes made** by the Air Force in his recruitment and appointment process.

The best remedy is to grant a 4-month waiver of the 7 years experience needed to earn one year of service credit. With this waiver, [REDACTED] would enter active duty as a captain, with date of rank being his first day of active duty.

Recommendation: Based on hardship caused the member, and on extensive experience prior to and during seminary, grant 4-month waiver of the 7 years experience required for one year of service credit. Award one year of service credit for ministry experience prior to commissioning date, 23 July 1997. Member's record should reflect commissioning as chaplain, first lieutenant, in the Air Force Reserve, 23 July 1997, and entry to active duty in the grade of captain 15 April 1998



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**Re:** DD FORM 1, Board for Corrections **CC:** [REDACTED]

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Sir,

I concur with the recommendation of [REDACTED] regarding the disposition of my application for Correction of Military record, with the exception of date of entry into active duty. The date [REDACTED] stated (25 April 1998) was amended by official orders to 15 April 1998.

Accordingly [REDACTED] final sentence should be corrected to read; "Member's record should reflect commissioning as chaplain, first lieutenant, in the Air Force Reserve, 23 July 1997, and entry to active duty in the grade of captain 15 April 1998."

With this one correction, I accept the recommendation of [REDACTED] and request the Board to consider this recommendation in regard to my application.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]