

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the President's Security Policy Advisory Board**

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Security Policy Advisory Board has been established pursuant to Presidential Decision Directive/NSC-29, which was signed by President on September 16, 1994.

The Board will advise the President on proposed legislative initiatives and executive orders pertaining to U.S. security policy, procedures and practices as developed by the U.S. Security Policy board, and will function as a federal advisory committee in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The President has appointed from the private sector, three of five Board members each with a prominent background and expertise related to security policy matters. General Larry Welch, USAF (Ret.) will chair the Board. Other members include: Admiral Thomas Brooks, USN (Ret.) and Ms. Nina Stewart.

The next meeting of the board will be held on 17 July, 1997, at 1500 hours at Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters in Langley Va. Classified discussions will take place and consequently the meeting will be closed to the public.

For further information please contact Mr. Terence Thompson, telephone: 703-602-9969.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups**

On June 2, 1997, the Secretary of the Air Force determined that the service of the group known as "U.S. Civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employees of Braniff Airways, Who Served Overseas as a Result of a Contract With the Air Transport Command During the Period February 26, 1942, Through August 14, 1945" shall not be considered active duty for

purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On the other hand, the Secretary of the Air Force determined that the service of a sub-group known as "U.S. Civilian Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employees of Braniff Airways, Who Served Overseas in the North Atlantic or Under the Jurisdiction of the North Atlantic Wing, Air Transport Command (ATC), as a Result of a Contract With the ATC During the Period February 26, 1942, Through August 14, 1945" shall be considered active duty for purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

To be eligible for VA benefits, members of the sub-group must establish:

1. They were civilians employed by Braniff Airways as flight crew personnel (pilot, co-pilot, navigator, flight engineer, radio operator), or
2. They were civilians employed by Braniff Airways as aviation ground support personnel (aircraft mechanic, station manager, dispatcher), and
3. Served outside the continental United States in direct support of Air Transport Command-directed flight operations in the North Atlantic under the jurisdiction of the North Atlantic Wing (ATC) during the period February 26, 1942 through August 14, 1945. Qualifying periods of time are computed from the date of departure from the continental United States to the date of return to the continental United States.

Application Procedures

Before an individual can receive any VA benefits, the person must first apply for an Armed Forces Discharge Certificate (Department of Defense (DD) Form 214) by filling out a DD Form 2168 and sending it to the following address: AFPC/DPPRP, 550 C St. West, Suite 11, Randolph Air Force Base, TX 78150-4713.

Important: Applicants must attach supporting documents to their DD Form 2168 application. Of primary importance will be any employment records from Braniff Airlines headquarters. Other supporting documentation might include copies of passports with appropriate entries, flight log books, Army Air Force (AAF) Identification Forms 133, any personal employment records such as commendations regarding ATC performance, employee expense reports of charges to USAAF contracts, medical certifications prior to departure from the US, USAAF passes to leave the limits of an overseas base, military orders, miscellaneous USAAF papers, etc. Additionally, the captain of a flight

crew may provide written confirmation for other crew members on his flight.

Upon confirmation of an applicant's eligibility, the DD Form 214 will be passed from AFPC/DPPRP to the Awards and Decorations office (in the same building) to determine which ribbons the applicant is eligible to receive (campaign ribbons, theater ribbons, victory medal, etc.). Specific awards (i.e., Silver Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, etc.) need separate justification detailing the act, achievement, or service believed to warrant the appropriate medal/ribbon.

DD Forms 2168 are available from VA offices or from the US Air Force offices in this notice.

For further information contact Mr. James D. Johnston, Secretary of the Air Force Personnel Council (SAFPC), 1535 Command Drive-3d Floor-EE Wing, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-7002.

Benefit Information

A determination of "active duty" under Public Law 95-202 is "for the purposes of all laws administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs" (Sec 106, 38 USC). Benefits are not retroactive and do not include such things as increased military or Federal Civil Service retirement pay, or a military burial detail, for example. Entitlement to state veterans benefits vary and are governed by each state. Therefore, for specific benefits information, contact your nearest Veterans Affairs Office and your state veterans service office after you have received your Armed Forces discharge documents.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Active Duty Service Determinations for Civilian or Contractual Groups**

On June 2, 1997, the Secretary of the Air Force determined that the service of the group known as "U.S. Flight Crew and Aviation Ground Support Employees of Northeast Airlines Atlantic Division, Who Served Overseas as a Result of Northeast Airlines' Contract With the Air Transport Command During the Period December 7, 1941, Through August 14, 1945" shall be considered "active duty" under the provisions of Public Law 95-202 for the