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Chronological
Sequence of Events
leading to
Approval of MOH
to
William Hart Pitsenbarger

Date	OPR	Action
* Apr 66	Capt Hal Salem	Recommended Airman Pitsenbarger for MOH
16 Apr 66	Col Beall	3 rd ARRGp/CC AF Form 642 for MOH. Forwards it to HQ PACAF
* 1966	Col Grady	MACV decorations board recommends MOH downgraded to AFC
1966	Lt Gen Heintges	MACV Deputy Commander approves downgrade of MOH and award of AFC
* 1992	Piqua Chamber Commerce	Requested Ohio Congressman Boehner to inquire why the original MOH was downgraded to AFC. Boehner tells them he will look into it
* 1996	Mr William Chivaletta	Director of Ops, Airman Memorial Museum interviews Mr Pitsenbarger (father) for four days. Chivaletta & AFSA decide to publish monograph of Airman Pitsenbarger's mission.
1996	Mr Chivallette & Mr Parker Hayes	Begin independent research on facts surrounding 11 Apr 66 mission for possible upgrade of AFC to MOH
Oct 96	SMSgt & MSgt Miller	Begins collection of material & contacting AF for info on how to make a MOH happen.
Oct 97	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Miller meets with CMSgt AF (CMSgt Benton). Briefs him on idea to upgrade AFC to MOH. Benton asks Miller to take lead on this project
18 Oct 97	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-mail to Piqua Chamber of commerce requesting they make congressional contact to get support
21 Oct 97	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-mail to Levitow confirming support for Pits MOH
21 Oct 97	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-mail heads-up to XOOS directorate regarding communications between Miller & Levitow
21 Oct 97	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-Mail from Miller to Lewry addressing the attempt to upgrade Pits AFC to MOH & request for support
22 Oct 97	John Levitow	E-mail to Miller offering strong support
Feb 98	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Miller tells CMSgt Williams of desire to make MOH happen. Williams knows people at AFSA and will ask them for a meeting to discuss issue

* Mar 98	Mr Chivallette & Mr Parker Hayes	Chivallette moves to new job at Enlisted Heritage Hall. Mr Hayes assumes research duties on Pitsenbarger's mission
9 Apr 98	XOOS (SMSgt Miller) & AFSA	Memo on 1 st formal AF meeting of Pits MOH committee (attendees ANG/SEA, ANG/EAM, ANG/Awards Chief, AFSA, USAF/XOOS). AFSA offers to provide researchers and administrative support. Chairperson was SMSgt Miller
23 Apr 98	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Discovery of criteria for award (1. Written recommendation from someone in chain of command at time of event. 2. Request must be submitted through a congressional member. 3. Submission must be based on new information.)
24 Apr 98	AFSA (Jim Staton)	E-mail to Miller. Update on status of researchers activities. Primary AFSA researchers were William Chivallette and Parker Hayes.
4 Jan 99	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-mail to CMSgt AF informing him that package was 30-60 days out & thanking him for support
6 Jan 99	CMSgt Williamson	E-mail to Jolly Green Association requesting support to locate Gerald Hammond (Pedro HM)
6 Jan 99	Mike McKendry	Results of his search for Gerald Hammond
22 Jan 99	CMSgt Williamson	E-mail to and from PJ Association regarding funds to pay for attractive submission portfolio.
26 Jan 99	CMS/AF (CMSgt Benton)	E-mail to Miller telling him that AFSA had told Benton that package was 2 weeks from completion
28 Jan 99	CMSgt Scantling	Located Pits records at AF/MPC St Louis. Records sent to Bill's dad.
* Jan 99	Mr Parker Hayes	Pitsenbarger research completed. Draft write up completed by Mr Hayes. Forwards package to AFSA for review
* Jan 99	Congressman Boehner	Congressman's staff had been conducting independent research for MOH upgrade. Ceased efforts when AFSA notified him that package was on the way to him
1 Feb 99	AFSA (Jim Staton)	Letter to whom it may concern. Request that documentation be reviewed and necessary steps be taken to award MOH to Pitsenbarger
22 Mar 99	CMS/AF (CMSgt Benton)	E-mail replying to e-mail from Miller asking status. Benton tell him they are working it.
24 Mar 99	Congressman Boehner	Letter to Secretary AF requesting action be taken to award MOH to Pitsenbarger. Forwards recommendation package for action by AF
* Apr 99	AFSA	Congressman Boehner presented completed package by AFSA for submission to SAF
*29 Apr 99	AF/XOSS & AFSA	Benton presented copy of package by AF/XOSS & AFSA. This was to be used to prep the SAF for the

		formal package coming from Boehner.
29 Apr 99	SAF (Whit Peters)	Letter to Congressman Boehner acknowledging receipt of action. Told him package passed on to his staff or review and provided a POC.
9 Jun 99	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	E-mail from Miller expressing concerns with delays & thanks for continued support
9 Jun 99	CMS/AF (CMSgt Benton)	Notification that package was still being coordinated
10 Jun 99	CMS/AF (CMSgt Benton)	Let package run course. When jammed up he will intercede
18 Aug 99	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Miller requests meeting with CMS/AF. Tells him package is still bogged down.
Oct 99	Mr Joe Linebarger Head of AF Review Board	AF Review Board moves package forward per instructions Mr Linebarger
8 Feb 00	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Request for status from new CMS/AF
11 Feb 00	CMS/AF (CMSgt Finch)	Informs SMSgt Miller package is still in coordination at the SAF level. Will go out to service chiefs after SAF approves
Mar 00	Henry O'Beirne	Visits D.C. office of Boehner. Requests status. Contacted CMSgt Miller for info on how to contact SAF.
19 Apr 00	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Informs CMS/AF of fears the package is in a "black hole." Requests assistance in moving it forward.
20 Apr 00	Henry O'Beirne	E-mail to SAF (Whit Peters) requesting he intercede
20 Apr 00	SAF	E-mail to O'Beirne telling him he will check into the matter
21 Apr 00	Henry O'Beirne	Contacts John Cassidy requesting mass e-mailing notifying career field that it was time to e-mail SAF, CS/AF, Sec Defense
22 Apr 00	John Cassidy	Mass e-mail out that included O'Beirne's e-mail text to SAF
22 Apr 00	SAF	E-mail to O'Beirne informing package had been held up by the AF Chief of Staff (Gen Ryan). Ryan requested the package be written up better. Also informs O'Beirne that the stronger write up had been completed and is being returned to him (SAF). SAF has Mr Linebarger move package through AF staffers.
27 Apr 00	CMSgt Williamson	Letter to AF/CS requesting action on MOH
May 00	AFSA	AFSA requests Hal Salem e-mail and fax AF/CS requesting action on MOH package
* May 00	Under SECDEF	Requests and obtains additional data from AFHRA. Requests original (1966) MOH nomination package. O'Beirne has a copy and forwards it to SECDEF.
8 May 00	AFSA	AFSA contacts AF/CS and requests action to move stalled package

11 May 00	Hal Salem	Salem contacts AF/CS and requests action to move stalled package
15 May 00	SAF	SAF signs package recommending MOH. Forwards package to Sec of Defense.
5 Jul 00	JCS (Gen Shelton)	Chairman of JCS signs package
6 Jul 00	Air Force Review Board (Mr Joe Lineberger)	Package returned to SAF. SAF approved forwarding package to Congressman Boehner's office. Lineberger carry's package to Boehner's office
27 Sep 00	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	SAF requests suggested date for award ceremony. This is SMSgt Miller's 1 st clue that award is nearing final approval.
11 Oct 00	Congress	Congress approves bill that includes MOH for Pits. Senate and President still need to approve
11 Oct 00	XOOS (SMSgt Miller)	Confirms with Joe Lineberger a preliminary award ceremony date of 8 Dec 00 at Wright-Patterson AFB
12 Oct 00	U.S. Senate	Passes bill that includes MOH for Pitsenbarger