# ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

### **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

IN THE CASE OF:

BOARD DATE: 15 September 2023

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230002170

<u>APPLICANT REQUESTS:</u> correction of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending on 24 October 1980 to reflect authorization for the Army Service Ribbon.

### APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, 24 October 1980

#### FACTS:

- 1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
- 2. The applicant states in pertinent part that his most recently issued DD Form 214 is incorrect because it does not reflect authorization for the Army Service Ribbon. He contests that he should have been authorized this service ribbon upon his completion of Basic Combat Training (BCT).
- 3. A review of the applicant's available service records reflects the following:
- a. On 7 September 1976, the applicant enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve for 6 years.
  - b. On 26 October 1976, the applicant enlisted in the active component.
  - c. On or about 23 January 1977, the applicant completed BCT.
- d. On 24 October 1980, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred into the U.S. Army Reserve.

- e. On 30 October 1982, the U.S. Army Reserve Components Personnel and Administration Center issued Letter Orders Number 10-1059137 honorably discharging the applicant from the Ready Reserve, effective 1 November 1982.
- 4. There is no evidence the applicant received the first award of the Army Good Conduct Medal. The applicant's record is also void of any derogatory or adverse information or a disqualification statement from his commander that would have precluded award of the Army Good Conduct Medal. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record), item 4 (Assignment Considerations) reflects that the applicant was eligible to reenlist.

# **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

- 1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance. In accordance with applicable regulatory guidance, the Board agreed that the applicant was eligible for the award of the Overseas Service Ribbon and that a correction to his record is warranted.
- 2. Prior to closing the case, the Board found the applicant was eligible for an award not otherwise requested. The applicant's DD Form 20 reflects that he had all "excellent" for conduct and efficiency and, as his record is void derogatory information, the Board found that he met the criteria for the award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

### **BOARD VOTE:**

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GRANT FULL RELIEF

: : GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

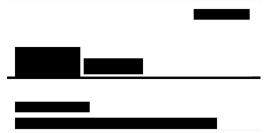
: : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : DENY APPLICATION

## BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by issuing him a DD Form 215 showing the following:

- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Good Conduct Medal



I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

### REFERENCES:

- 1. Title 10, USC, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
- 2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides the following:
- a. The Army Service Ribbon was established by the SECARMY on 10 April 1981 as announced in Army General Order 1990–15. It is awarded to Soldiers of the U.S. Army for successful completion of initial entry training. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Regular Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for this award. The ribbon may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided they had a Regular Army status as defined above on or after 1 August 1981. The Army Service Ribbon is authorized for wear upon completion of initial military training. This includes advanced individual training for enlisted Soldiers and branch-specific basic officer leadership course for commissioned officers. For personnel assigned a Military Occupational Specialty or Area of Concentration based on civilian or other service acquired skills, this ribbon will be authorized upon honorable completion of 4 months active service.
- b. The Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified. Any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award:
  - each 3 years completed on or after 27 August 1940
  - for first award only, 1 year served entirely during the period 7 December 1941 to 2 March 1946
  - for first award only, upon termination of service on or after 27June 1950 of less than 3 years but more than 1 year
  - for first award only, upon termination of service, on or after 27
    June 1950, of less than 1 year when final separation was by reason of
    physical disability incurred in line of duty
  - for first award only, for those individuals who died before completing 1 year of active Federal service if the death occurred in the line of duty

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