

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230005401

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reinstatement of his Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (ARCOTR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- NATO Travel Order #24FBZP
- Memorandum, subject: Award of the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, dated 3 August 2018
- Memorandum, subject: Rescinding of Previously Awarded Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (ARCOTR), dated 2 October 2018

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, 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 The applicant states his ARCOTR was revoked without justification or reason, and he believes all eligibility requirements were met in accordance with (IAW), Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards), paragraph 5-3. Paragraph 5-3 states all Active Guard Reserve (AGR) personnel, not assigned to a Troop Program Unit (TPU), are also eligible for award of the ARCOTR, provided they are ordered overseas specifically as advance party to, simultaneously with, or in support of operations of Reserve Component (RC) units training overseas. He notes, the training conducted was in support of a RC program, with an RC organization (83rd U.S. Army Reserve Readiness Training Center) on foreign soil (Denmark) and the duties performed were in conjunction with Allied Forces (Danish Army). The training was conducted 27 June 2018 through 8 July 2018.
3. The applicant provides:

a. His NATO travel order, which shows the applicant would travel from the U.S. to Denmark on 27 June 2018 and his expected date of return was 8 July 2018.

b. Memorandum, subject: Award of the Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon, dated 3 August 2018, which shows the applicant's name listed with others authorized the award for duty performed on Camp Nymindgab, Denmark participating in the Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP). The exercise was conducted during a 12-day period in April 2018 and June 2018 through July 2018.

c. A memorandum dated 2 October 2018, which states effective 28 September 2018, the ARCOTR awarded on 3 August 2018 is rescinded for a list of individuals, which included the applicant. The memorandum further noted the award was given prior to receiving guidance from U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Awards Branch, and the Military Reserve Exchange Program did not meet the criteria for the ARCOTR; therefore, the award was rescinded.

4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. Having had prior service in the Regular Army, he was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve on 10 August 2009 and is currently serving an indefinite period of enlistment.

b. Orders R-09-385462, dated 10 September 2013, ordered the applicant to active duty in AGR status with a report date of 30 September 2013.

c. NATO Travel Order #24BFZP shows the applicant would travel to Denmark, as a member of a Force as defined in the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, on approximately 27 June 2018 with an expected date of return of 8 July 2018.

d. A memorandum dated 3 August 2018, awarded the applicant, among other individuals, the ARCOTR for performing duty on Camp Nymindgab, Denmark, participating in the MREP during a 12-day period.

e. Orders R09385462A03, dated 6 February 2020, amended Orders R-09-385462 to show the applicant's release from active duty (REFRAD) date as 30 June 2032.

5. By regulation (AR 600-8-22), the ARCOTR is awarded to members of the Reserve Components of the Army (Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve), for successful completion of annual training (AT) or Active Duty Training for a period not less than 10 consecutive duty days on foreign soil. AGR personnel, not assigned to a TPU, are also eligible for award of the ARCOTR provided they are ordered overseas specifically as advance party to, simultaneously with, or in support of operations of RC units training

overseas. Ten consecutive days overseas must be met. Other AGR members overseas for any other reason are not eligible for the ARCOTR.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

a. The Military Reserve Exchange Program (MREP) selects National Guard and Reserve members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines. The selected participants are part of a one-for-one exchange of personnel from a NATO allied country. The goal of MREP is to integrate participants into the host-country's reserve forces, in order to strengthen partnerships, and to enhance professional development.

b. The ARCOTR is awarded to members of the RC for successful completion of annual training or ADT for a period not less than 10 consecutive duty days on foreign soil. AGR personnel, not assigned to a TPU, are also eligible for award of the ARCOTR provided they are ordered overseas specifically as advance party to, simultaneously with, or in support of operations of RC units training overseas. The applicant participated in this exchange program in Denmark during a 12-day period in April 2018 and June 2018 through July 2018 in the MREP. In accordance with AR 600-8-22, the applicant's participation in the MREP does not meet the criteria for the ARCOTR. That is why his commander rescinded this award. The Board did not find an error or an injustice in the commander's rescission of this award.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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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, U.S. Code, 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) states the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon (ARCOTR) is awarded to members of the Reserve Components of the Army (Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve), for successful completion of annual training (AT) or Active Duty Training for a period not less than 10 consecutive duty days on foreign soil. ARNG and USAR Soldiers who accompany the

RC unit (including unit cells) to which they are assigned or attached as full-time unit support (FTUS) during overseas training are also eligible for the award. AGR personnel, not assigned to a TPU, are also eligible for award of the ARCOTR provided they are ordered overseas specifically as advance party to, simultaneously with, or in support of mop-up operations of RC units training overseas. Ten consecutive days overseas must be met. Other AGR members overseas for any other reason are not eligible for the ARCOTR. Numerals will be used to denote second and subsequent awards of the ARCOTR.

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