

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 6 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007515

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- award of the Army Good Conduct Medal
- correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:
  - Army Good Conduct Medal
  - United Nations Medal
  - Army Commendation Medal
  - Completion of the Basic NCO Course

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Diploma for the Basic NCO Course
- Certificate of Citation of Service in Macedonia
- DD Form 214, September 1992 to March 2000
- Certificate for the Army Commendation Medal, Permanent Order 035-3,
- Oath of Reenlistment
- Honorable Discharge Certificate

FACTS:

1. (Optional as applicable.) 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 DD Form 214 omitted completion of the Basic NCO Course, United Nations Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and Good Conduct Medal for the period of 1996-2000

3. Review of the applicant's service records shows he previously had service in the U.S. Marine Corps from July 1987 to July 1991.

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 September 1992. He held military occupational specialty 11M, Fighting Vehicle Infantryman. He reenlisted on 25 March 1996.

b. His DA Form 2-1, Personnel Qualification Record, shows he served in Germany with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, from 21 September 1992 to 6 September 1996. During this period of service:

(1) He completed the 40-hours Field Sanitation Course from 1 to 4 February 1994.

(2) He was cited for award of the United Nations Medal for service in the Former Republic of Macedonia, Operation Provide Promise, Skopje, Macedonia from 3 December 1994 to 19 May 1995.

(3) Permanent Orders 207-4, issued by Headquarters, 1st Brigade, awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service from 15 October 1992 to 6 August 1996

(4) He was awarded the NATO Medal for service with NATO in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia from 29 December 1995 to 6 August 1996.

c. After Germany, he was reassigned to 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, Fort Hood, TX. While at Fort Hood, he was cited as follows:

(1) Permanent Orders 175-001, issued by Headquarters, 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry, on 24 June 1997, awarded him the Driver Badge for service from 1 April 1996 to 1 May 1997.

(2) Permanent Orders 035-3, issued by Headquarters, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service from 1 October 1996 to 1 March 2000.

(3) He provides a diploma that shows he completed the Basic NCO Course on 2 July 1998. The resultant DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) shows the period of this course was from 13 May to 1 July 1998.

d. He was discharged on 24 March 2000. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 7 years, 6 months, and 16 days of active service. It also shows in:

(1) Block 13 (Decorations, Medal, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
- Combat Action Ribbon – N
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars
- Army Service Ribbon
- Sea Service Development Ribbon (3rd Award)
- NATO Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar

(2) Block 14 (Military Education) Primary Leadership Development Course, 4 weeks, 1995.

(2) Block 18 (Remarks) does not list his deployments.

4. Although his DD Form 214 shows one award of the Army Good Conduct Medal, his service record does not contain the permanent order for this award, or evidence he was recommended for or awarded a second award.

#### 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 record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined the applicant's service record did not reflect he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st award) and his record shows he received "excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings throughout his service for the period of 9 September 1992 to 24 March 1996. Based on this the Board granted relief to award the Army Good Conduct Medal.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) for exemplary service from 9 September 1992 to 24 March 1996 and adding the medal to his DD Form 214 for the period ending 24 March 2000.

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CHAIRPERSON

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's records shows his DD Form 214 omitted administrative entries. As a result, amend the DD Form 214 as follows:

- a. Block 13, delete Army Commendation Medal, and add Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award), United Nations Medal, and Driver's Badge.

b. Block 14, add Field Sanitation Course, 1 week, 1994, and Basic NCO Course, 7 weeks, 1998

c. Block 18, add "Service in Macedonia, 3 December 1994 to 19 May 1995" and "Service in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, 29 December 1995 to 6 August 1996."

#### 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 Good Conduct Medal (AGCM) is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal military service. It is awarded on a selective basis to each Soldier who distinguishes themselves from their fellow Soldiers by exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service, as outlined in this chapter. There is no right or entitlement to the medal until the immediate commander has approved the award and the award has been announced in permanent orders. The immediate unit commander's decision to award the AGCM will be based on their personal knowledge of, and the individual's official records for, periods of service under previous commanders during the period for which the award is to be made. Qualifying periods of service for the Army Good Conduct Medal: Any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award of the AGCM

- 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 27 June 1950, of less than 3 years but more than 1 year. Subsequent awards must be for a completion of 3 years of continuous enlisted active Federal military service.
- 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 military service or if the death occurred in the line of duty.

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