

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 27 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007895

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, to be awarded the Parachutist Badge.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Airborne Course Diploma, 11 August 1989
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), for the period ending 4 February 1998

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 he would like it reflected in Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 that he completed the U.S. Army Airborne Course. He attended and completed airborne training from July 1989 to August 1989. It was not reflected in his authorized awards or badges because he attended airborne school as an ROTC cadet. The ROTC program he was attending at the time, Wentworth Military Academy, sent him to airborne school. He believes his cycle number 29-89 and his training number was C236. He would like the training officially documented on his DD Form 214 to show he completed the course. He was unaware it could be included since he was a cadet at the time but was recently made aware of the process.
3. The applicant provides an Airborne Course Diploma which shows the applicant successfully completed the training on 11 August 1989.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. Having had prior service in the U.S. Army Reserve and the Texas Army National Guard, he enlisted in the Regular Army on 5 February 1992.

b. The DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) does not list airborne school in Block 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools) nor does his service record contain any documentation to show attendance or completion of airborne training. The DA Form 2-1 does list an award, not identified on his DD Form 214, the National Defense Service Medal.

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 4 February 1998. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 6 years of active service. Block 14 (Military Education) shows the applicant completed X-ray Specialist Course, 20 weeks, in July 1992 with no other entries for additional training. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon

5. A review of the applicant's service record confirms an award was omitted from his DD Form 214. The award will be added to his DD Form 214 as an administrative correction and will not be considered by the Board. The Board will consider his request for award of the Parachutist Badge.

6. By regulation, (AR 635-5) the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Entries for Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) will be for all periods of service. Check Soldier's service records for validity of awards.

7. By regulation (AR 600-8-22), award of the basic Parachutist Badge requires that an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was partially warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The evidence of record shows the applicant served on active duty from 5 February 1992 to 4 February 1998. He provides a certificate confirming his attendance of the Airborne Course on 11 August 1989, prior to his entry on active duty. This training was not completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214. Additionally, there is no

order in his service record that shows he was awarded the Parachutist Badge. However, since he completed Airborne Training and since his MOS is coded with the special qualification identifier "P" (airborne), the Board found sufficient evidence to add the Parachutist Badge to his DD Form 214. Additionally, the applicant served during a qualifying period for award of the National Defense Service Medal and his DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect this award.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by adding to his DD Form 214 the Parachutist Badge and National Defense Service Medal.
2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to adding Airborne Course to his DD Form 214.

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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 he is authorized an additional award not listed on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 4 February 1998. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to show award of the National Defense Service Medal.

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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Entries for Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) will be for all periods of service. Check Soldier's service records for validity of awards.
3. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards), in effect at the time, prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military awards. Award of the basic Parachutist Badge requires that an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump.
4. AR 600-8-22 also provides for award of the National Defense Service Medal. It is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 July 1950 and 27 July 1954, 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, and 11 September 2001 and a date to be determined.

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