

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 January 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230008051

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show award of the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W and Driver-T component bars.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 5984-E (U.S. Army Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card)
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The Board will not consider the applicant's request for the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W clasp/bar, as this badge as currently reflected on his DD Form 214. Additionally, the applicants DD Form 214 does not list the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, therefore it will be addressed through administrative correction without action by the Board.

2. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 6 August 2019. He served in military occupational specialty 19D (Cavalry Scout).

3. On 16 December 2022, he was honorably released from active duty upon the completion of his required active service. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W clasp

4. The applicant provides a copy of his DA Form 5984-E issued on 31 May 2022. The form notes restrictions for installation driving only and equipment qualifications for various vehicles to include a number of tracked vehicles.

5. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It is important that information entered on the form should be complete and accurate.

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 there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for award of the Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W and Driver-T component bars. Based on this, the Board granted relief.

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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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 for the period ending 16 December 2022 by adding Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W and Driver-T component bars.

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CHAIRPERSON


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 NOTES:

A review of the applicant's records shows he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 16 December 2022. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 by adding the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.
 - a. The Driver and Mechanic Badge is awarded to drivers, mechanics, and special equipment operators to denote the attainment of a high degree of skill in the operation and maintenance of motor vehicles and equipment.
 - b. Any commander in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/O-5 or higher may approve award of the Driver and Mechanic Badge.
 - c. Component bars are authorized only for the following types of vehicles and/or qualifications:

- Driver-W (for wheeled vehicles)
- Driver-T (for tracked vehicles)
- Driver-M (for motorcycles)
- Driver-A (for amphibious vehicles)
- Mechanic (for automotive or allied vehicles)
- Operator-S (for special mechanical equipment)

d. The eligibility requirements for drivers require that a Soldier must -

(1) Qualify for and possess a current OF 346 (U.S. Government Motor Vehicles Operator's Identification Card), issued as prescribed by Army Regulation 600-55 (The Army Driver and Operator Standardization Program); and

(2) Be assigned duties and responsibilities as a driver or assistant driver of Government vehicles for a minimum of 12 consecutive months, or during at least 8,000 miles with no Government motor vehicle accidents or traffic violations recorded on his or her DA Form 348-1 (Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (Except Aircraft) continuation sheet); or

(3) Perform satisfactorily for a minimum period of 1 year as an active qualified driver instructor or motor vehicle driver examiner.

e. The eligibility requirements for mechanics require that a Soldier must -

(1) Pass aptitude tests and complete the standard mechanics' course with a "skilled" rating or have demonstrated possession of sufficient previous experience as an automotive or engineer equipment mechanic to justify such a rating.

(2) Be assigned to primary duty as an automotive or engineer mechanic, unit level or higher, or be an active automotive or engineer mechanic instructor.

(3) If required to drive an Army motor vehicle in connection with automotive mechanic or automotive mechanic instructor duties, qualify for motor vehicle operators permit as prescribed above, and perform duty which includes driving motor vehicles for a minimum of 6 consecutive months, and have no Army motor vehicle accidents or traffic violations recorded on his or her DA Form 348 (Equipment Operator's Qualification Record (Except Aircraft)).

f. The eligibility requirements for operators of special mechanical equipment require that a Soldier or civilian whose primary duty involves operation of Army materials handling or other mechanical equipment must have completed 12 consecutive months or 500 hours of operation, whichever comes first, without accident or written reprimand

as the result of his or her operation, and his or her operating performance must have been adequate in all respects.

2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 states the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM) is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have participated in the Global War on Terrorism operations outside of the designated areas of eligibility (AOE) on or after 11 September 2001 to a future date to be determined. All Soldiers on active duty, including Reserve Component Soldiers mobilized or National Guard Soldiers activated, on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined having served 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days are authorized the GWOTSM.

3. Army Regulation 15-185 (ABCMR) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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