

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 1 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230008258

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his foreign service in Afghanistan from 13 August to 12 September 2021.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 4980-14 (Army Commendation Medal Certificate)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he served in Afghanistan for 13 August 2021 to 12 September 2021, but his DD Form 214 does not reflect this service.
2. A review of the applicant's record shows the applicant's DD Form 214 is missing awards which will be addressed through an administrative correction without action by the Board.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 23 April 2019. He served in military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman).
4. The applicant provides a copy Permanent Order 047-1043, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, 16 February 2022, which awarded him the Army Commendation Medal with "C" Device for exceptionally meritorious achievement during a no-notice deployment to Afghanistan from 13 August to 12 September 2021.
5. Permanent Order Number 241-002, published by 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, on 2 September 2022, awarded him the Army Achievement Medal for service from 1 January 2020 to 2 September 2022.

6. On 2 September 2022, he was honorably released from active duty upon the completion of his required active service. The DD Form 214 he was issued contains the following information/entries:

a. block 12f (Foreign Service) - "0000 00 00"

b. block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) -

- Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) with "C" Device (2nd Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Parachutist Badge
- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal with Campaign Star

c. block 18 (Remarks) does not show he was deployed to Afghanistan; however, it does show he served in Iraq from 1 January 2020 to 21 February 2020.

7. During the processing of this case, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) provided his Master Military Pay Account, which shows:

a. He served in Afghanistan from 1 August to 31 August 2021 and Kuwait from 1 September to 30 September 2021.

b. He received Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay (HF/IDP) from 1 August to 30 September 2021 (a period of 2 months and 1 day).

c. Note: DFAS only verifies receipt of HF/IDP. DFAS does not verify inclusive dates of deployed service or deployment locations beyond the first qualifying country (e.g., Kuwait versus Iraq). DFAS pay records are not considered "source documents," but may be considered as supporting documents leading to a preponderance of the evidence. A second source document is required.

8. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation and Processing and Documents), establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. Chapter 5 contains guidance on the preparation of the DD Form 214, to include entering foreign service and remarks pertaining to deployment locations and through dates.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.
2. The Board found the applicant’s Army Commendation Medal Certificate provides the best accounting of his time in Afghanistan in 2021. The Board determined the applicant’s DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect the period of deployment shown on the award certificate.
3. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:

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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 2 September 2022 as follows:

- Replace the entry in item 12f with "0000 02 21"
- Add to item 18 – "Service in Afghanistan 20210813-20210812"
- Make the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below

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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 NOTE(S): Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 2 September 2022 by adding:

- Army Achievement Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 bronze service star

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 635-8, establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. Chapter 5 contains guidance on the preparation of the DD Form 214, to include entering foreign service and remarks pertaining to deployment locations and through dates:

- block 12f (Foreign Service) enter the total amount of service performed OCONUS during the period covered by the DD Form 214, to include deployments. List periods of deployed service in block 18 (Remarks)
- block 18 (Remarks) for an active duty Soldier, list any/all OCONUS deployments completed during the period of the DD Form 214 being created, the statement "Service in (Name of Country Deployed) From (inclusive dates)"

2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Afghanistan Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land area. The period of eligibility is on or after 11 September 2001 to 31 December 2014, and Operation Freedom Sentinel from 1 January 2015 to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of Operation Enduring Freedom. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign.

3. 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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