

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 5 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009351

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), ending 31 July 2023 to add -

- foreign service credit for Macedonia and Kosovo in March 1999
- Meritorious Service Medal (MSM)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- 2 Enlisted Record Briefs (ERB), 19 February 2014 and 27 November 2022
- Orders 126-9, published by U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, Fort Belvoir, VA, 6 May 1999
- 1st Endorsement, 64th Replacement Company, Fort Belvoir, VA, Subject: Temporary Change of Station (TCS) Orders 126-9, 6 May 1999
- Certificate for Award of the Army Achievement Medal Certificate, 2 November 1999
- Certificate of Appreciation, Kosovo Force Multinational Brigade (East), undated
- Department of the Army Orders 0004927527.00, Meritorious Service Medal recommendation and orders, 2 June 2023
- Excerpt from Financial Management Regulation Volume 7A, Chapter 17, Figure 17-2 (Hardship Duty Location for Certain Places), August 2004
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in effect:

a. She served in a designated imminent danger area that was not reflected in block 18 (Remarks) of her DD Form 214. She deployed in support of the Kosovo Campaign (25 May 1995 – 2 November 1999). During this same timeframe, she served in Macedonia in support of TF Hawk (Operations Allied Force and Joint Guardian) and was involved in the bombing campaign prior to the march into the region. Given that this was her first deployment as an augmentee, she would like for this time to be a

testament that she served her country and did not hesitate when called upon, despite having just attained her military occupation specialty (MOS).

b. Due to multiple deployments and minimal space on her ERB, dates and locations of her earlier deployments were hidden; however, the dates/locations are reflected on her ERB, dated 19 February 2014. The timeframe is a part of the campaigns and expeditions that qualify for Veterans preference was on the DD Form 214 she reviewed; however, was not on the form at the time she signed the official document. She was told that she needed to go through the Board of Corrections for the foreign service to be added onto her DD Form 214.

c. Her MSM was the last award she received prior to her retirement; however, it was not provided to her prior to her departure for transition leave and before her DD Form 214 was signed.

2. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 24 July 1998 for four (4) years. She reenlisted as follows:

- 24 April 2002, RA, 4 years
- 4 October 2005, RA, 4 years
- 22 May 2008, RA, 3 years
- Subsequent DD Forms 4 not found in iPERMS

3. U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir orders 126-9, dated 6 May 1999, show she was deployed to Germany in support of Task Force Hawk, with a report date of 9 May 1999. She was further assigned to Heidelberg, Germany.

4. U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir orders 126-9, dated 6 May 1999, reassigned and/or deployed the applicant to Germany in support of Task Force Hawk, with a reporting date of 9 May 1999.

5. 1st Endorsement, 64th Replacement Company, Fort Belvoir, VA, Subject: Temporary Change of Station (TCS) Orders 126-9, dated 6 May 1999 shows the applicant was further assigned to Heidelberg, Germany.

6. Army Achievement Medal certificate for meritorious achievement while service in support of Operations Allied Force and Joint Guardian, the Bombing Campaign over Kosovo, from 28 May 1999 thru 2 November 1999.

7. An undated Kosovo Force Multinational Brigade (East) Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding service and dedication to the peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

8. Headquarters, Fort Stewart, and Hunter Army Airfield orders ST-277-0028, dated 4 October 2010, show the applicant was deployed in a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) status to Ramadi, Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn, with a reporting date of 10 October 2010.

9. Headquarters, Third Infantry Division and Fort Stewart orders ST-043-0178, dated 12 February 2013, show the applicant was deployed in a TCS status to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Shank, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, with a reporting date of 1 March 2013.

10. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Travel Order ST-043-0178(N), dated 12 February 2013 shows the date of departure as 1 March 2013 and the date of expected return as 25 December 2013.

11. Her ERB, dated 19 February 2014, includes the following information in Section I (Assignment Information – OS/Deployment Combat Duty):

- 10 October 2010 – 15 June 2011, Iraq, 8 months, combat tour
- 11 January 2005 – 8 November 2005, Iraq, 10 months, combat tour
- 15 March 2003 – 29 December 2003, Iraq, 10 months, combat tour
- 20 May 2001 – 8 June 2002, Korea, 13 months, short tour
- 25 May 1999 – 2 November 1999, Macedonia, 5 months, combat tour

12. Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Bliss orders BL-249-0022, dated 6 September 2017, show the applicant was deployed in a TCS status to Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (Spartan Shield), with a report date of 5 November 2017.

13. Her ERB, dated 27 November 2022, includes the following information in Section I (Assignment Information – OS/Deployment Combat Duty):

- 1 November 2017 – 1 July 2018, Kuwait, 8 months, combat tour
- 12 February 2013 – 15 November 2013, Afghanistan, 9 months, combat tour
- 10 October 2010 – 15 June 2011, Iraq, 8 months, combat tour
- 11 January 2005 – 8 November 2005, Iraq, 10 months, combat tour
- 15 March 2003 – 29 December 2003, Iraq, 10 months, combat tour
- 20 May 2001 – 8 June 2002, Korea, 13 months, short tour

14. Department of the Army Orders 0004927527.00, dated, 2 June 2023 awarded her the Meritorious Service Medal for meritorious service spanning 25 years in the United States Army from 1 August 2013 to 31 July 2023.

15. Her DD Form 214 shows she was honorably retired on 31 July 2023, under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), sufficient service for retirement, separation code RBD, and reentry code 4R. She completed 25 years and 7 days of net service this period and 9 months and 8 days of total prior inactive service. It also shows in

a. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Certificate of Achievement (3rd Award)
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal (11th Award)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award)
- Army Commendation Medal (11th Award)
- Army Achievement Medal (7th Award)
- Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd Award)
- Army Superior Unit Award
- Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award)
- National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (2nd Award)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star
- Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star (4th Award) \*\*(listed twice)
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (4th Award)
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (6th Award)
- Kosovo Campaign Medal with Bronze Service Star
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal (2nd Award)
- Combat Action Badge
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge w/Rifle Bar
- Driver and Mechanic Badge w/Driver-Wheeled Vehicle(s) clasp

b. Item 18 (Remarks) shows she completed the following periods of service in a designated imminent danger pay area:

- Kuwait, 1 November 2017 – 1 July 2018
- Afghanistan, 12 February 2013 – 15 November 2013
- Iraq, 10 October 2010 – 15 June 2011
- Iraq, 11 January 2005 – 8 November 2005
- Iraq, 15 March 2003 – 29 November 2003

16. The applicant provides an excerpt from the Financial Management Regulation Volume 7A, Chapter 17, Figure 17-2 (Hardship Duty Location for Certain Places), dated August 2004. This figure contains a list of hardship duty location pay for certain places. In this case, Macedonia (formerly part of Yugoslavia) was listed, with effective dates from 4 February 1999 through 31 December 2001.

17. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents) prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).

18. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found full relief was warranted.

2. Department of the Army Orders 0004927527.00, dated, 2 June 2023 awarded her the Meritorious Service Medal; therefore, item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of her DD Form 214 should be corrected to add this award.

3. The evidence of record shows he served in Kosovo and Macedonia during the period 25 May 1999 to 2 November 1999; therefore, she is entitled to correction of item 18 (Remarks) of her DD Form 214 to show this service.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

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 her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) ending 31 July 2023 by:

- adding to item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) - Meritorious Service Medal
- adding to item 18 (Remarks) - "SERVICE IN MACEDONIA/KOSOVO FROM 19990525–1999110"

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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:

Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations-Separation Documents) in effect at the time, provided for the entries on the DD Form 214, and states:

a. in item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), list awards and decorations for all periods of service.

b. in item 18 (Remarks), for active duty Soldiers deployed with their units during their continuous period of active service, enter, "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (specify dates.)."

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