

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 24 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009488

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 19 February 1988 to show award of the Army Achievement Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552)
- Army Achievement Medal Certificate, 15 July 1985
- DD Form 214

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 to bring his record up to date by having his Army Achievement Medal added to his DD Form 214.
3. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 22 January 1985.
4. He provided an Army Achievement Medal Certificate, 5 July 1985, showing he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement while serving as a recruiter aide with the Athens Recruiting Company, Parkersburg Recruiting Station, Parkersburg, WV, during the period 28 May 1985 to 11 July 1985.
5. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in:
 - a. item 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns), he was awarded or authorized the:

- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar (.45 caliber)

b. item 35 (Record of Assignments), he was assigned to the following units/locations as indicated:

- 22 January 1985 through 27 January 1985 – enlistee – U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- 28 January 1985 through 23 May 1985 – trainee – One-Station Unit Training, Company E, 4th Battalion, 4th Training Brigade, U.S. Army Training Center, Fort Leonard Wood, MO
- 24 May 1985 through 24 July 1985 – casual – enroute to Germany
- 25 July 1985 through 15 January 1987 – armored vehicle launched bridge driver – Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment, Germany

6. He was honorably released from active duty on 19 February 1988 by reason of completion of required service and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement). He completed 3 years and 28 days of net active service during this period. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 shows the following awards:

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

7. A thorough review of his service records did not reveal orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the applicant's military records, 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, available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence to show the applicant was awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) for meritorious achievement while serving as a recruiter aide with the Athens Recruiting Company, Parkersburg Recruiting Station,

Parkersburg, WV, during the period 28 May 1985 to 11 July 1985. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the AAM.

BOARD VOTE:

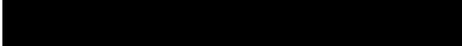
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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending her DD Form 214 for the period ending 19 February 1988 to show award of the Army Achievement Medal.

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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.

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) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. Paragraph 1-25 (Announcement of Awards) states the award of all decorations, except for the Medal of Honor, will be announced in permanent orders by the appropriate awards approval authority.

b. Paragraph 3-20 (Army Achievement Medal) states the Army Achievement Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or to any member of the armed forces of a friendly foreign nation, who distinguished himself or herself by meritorious service or achievement of a lesser degree than required for award of the Army Commendation Medal. Orders publication authority for awards may be delegated by Meritorious Service Medal approval authorities (brigadier general/O-7 and above) to commanders exercising lower award approval authority. Such delegation will allow those commanders (colonel/O-6 or lieutenant colonel/O-5) with Army Commendation Medal or Army Achievement Medal approval authority to issue award orders once the award is approved.

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