

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 29 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009846

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show award of his Army Achievement Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 4980-18 (Certificate for Award of the Army Achievement Medal), 30 July 1984

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 that on 30 July 1984, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal and requests that it be added to his DD Form 214.
3. On 16 July 1981, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army.
4. The applicant provided a Certificate for Award of the Army Achievement Medal, which shows, in part, he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement while assigned to A Battery, 3rd Battalion, 21st Field Artillery, [applicant's] exceptionally hard work in preparing for the 27 July to 29 July 1984 Department of the Army technical validation inspection resulted in a no comments no deficiencies rating by the inspectors. In addition, the superb level of proficiency that he demonstrated during the technical operations portion of the inspection led to numerous favorable comments by the evaluators - an absolutely flawless operation. [Applicant's] duty performance during this crucial inspection reflects great credit upon himself, the 3rd Battalion, 21st Field Artillery, and the U.S. Army.

5. On 15 July 1985, he was honorably discharged from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 4 years of active service and was awarded or authorized:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (Hand Grenade)
- Army Good Conduct Medal

6. His record is void of orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal.

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 that relief was warranted.

2. The applicant's certificate for award of the Army Achievement Medal was sufficient to justify correction of his DD Form 214 to add this award.

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 adding the Army Achievement Medal to block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 July 1985.

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CHAIRPERSON

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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:

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. The Army Achievement Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who while serving in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

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