

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009894

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show completion of the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) High Risk Training Course.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate, SERE High Risk Training Course

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 he noticed when he started to file for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability that his DD Form 214 was missing SERE training.
3. The applicant provides a certificate of completion from the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School that shows he attended the SERE High Risk Training Course (3A-F38/012-F27) from 15 February through 4 March 1988.
4. A review of the applicant's service records show:
 - a. He entered active duty for training on 12 January 1988.
 - b. Orders 072-009, issued by Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg, attached the applicant to Company A, 1st Special Warfare Training Battalion (Airborne) United States Army John F. Kennedy Warfare Center, effective 13 January 1988.
 - c. DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) shows he attended and successfully completed the SERE High Risk Training from 15 February to 4 March 1988.

d. On 15 June 1988, he was honorably released from active duty training. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 5 months and 4 days of active service. Item 14 (Military Education) is void of any entries.

5. By regulation, in effect at the time, training courses for combat skills will not be listed in item 14 (Military Education) of the DD Form 214.

6. Also by regulation, the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

2. The Board found the applicant successfully completed the Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) High Risk Training from 15 February to 4 March 1988 and determined his DD Form 214 should be corrected to add this course.

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 correcting item 14 (Military Education) of the Applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 June 1988 to add the entry, " Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) High Risk Training, 3 weeks, 1988."

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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 (AR) 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents), prescribes the policy and procedures for preparing the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). It states for item 14 (Military Education) of the DD Form 214, list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed. This information is to assist the soldier after separation in job placement and counseling; therefore, training courses for combat skills will not be listed.

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