

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230010033

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, award of the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (ARCAM) for the three years he served in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Orders D-02-202948 Discharge from the USAR

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 served three years actively in the USAR and was honorably discharged. He thinks he should have received a service medal for the three years. If a medal for serving three years in the Reserves exists, then he should receive one and have it on his service record.
3. The applicant's service record contains the following documents:
 - a. DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States), shows on 22 January 1994, the applicant enlisted in the USAR.
 - b. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in item 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns) the applicant was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.
 - c. DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows the applicant, as a member of the USAR, entered active duty for training on 4 March 1994 and was honorably released from active duty service on 6 August 1994 with a character

of service listed as “uncharacterized”. He completed 5 months and 3 days of net active service this period. He was awarded or authorized the National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and Expert Marksmanship Badge Rifle.

d. Orders 074-4, published by Headquarters, 310th Theater Army Area Command, dated 15 March 1997 shows on 15 March 1997, the applicant was transferred to Army Reserve Personnel Center (Annual Training) for expiration of troop program unit U.S. (TPU) service.

e. Orders D-02-202948, published by USAR Personnel Command, dated 5 February 2002, honorably discharged the applicant from the USAR Control Group (Annual Training) effective 5 February 2002.

f. DA Form 5016 (Chronological Statement of Retirement Points), dated 29 February 2024 shows the applicant had 229 total points creditable. It shows he had the following total points creditable:

- from 22 January 1994 through 21 January 1995, 46
- from 22 January 1995 through 21 January 1996, 61
- from 22 January 1996 through 21 January 1997, 61p

g. The applicant's service record was void of derogatory information.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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. The evidence of record shows the applicant served in the USAR from 22 January 1994 to 15 March 1997. He completed 3 qualifying years of service between 22 January 1994 and 21 January 1997, earning 50 or more retirement point in each year. The Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (ARCAM) is authorized for award to member of the USAR in a TPU upon completing 3 years of qualified service. The applicant met the criteria for this award.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the corrections addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by issuing the applicant an appropriate document recording award of the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for the period 22 January 1994 to 21 January 1997.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTION:

A review of the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 6 August 1994 shows he was a member of the USAR who completed MOS training and returned to his USAR unit. Change his uncharacterized discharge to honorable.

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) states the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal (ARCAM) is authorized for award of Army personnel in the rank of colonel and below. The individual must have been a member of an Army National Guard or USAR TPU. The medal is also awarded to USAR Soldiers serving as individual mobilization augmentees after completing qualifying service and on recommendation of HQDA. Effective 28 March 1995, the period of qualifying service for award of the ARCAM was reduced from 4 years to 3 years. That is, Soldiers completing 3 years of qualified service on or about 28 March 1995 are eligible for ARCAM consideration.

3. AR) 140-185 (Training and Retirement Points Credits and Unit Level Strength Accounting Records) contains Army policy for USAR training and retirement point credit. Paragraph 1-7 states a qualifying year of service for non-regular retired pay is a full year during which a RC member is credited with a minimum of 50 retirement points. Except as otherwise provided by law, an accumulation of 20 such years is one requirement necessary to qualify for non-regular retired pay.

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