

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230010199

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), ending on 6 January 2023 to show:

- Service connection by the Department of Veterans Affairs
- Award of the Army Commendation Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Army Commendation Medal Certificate, 30 November 2022
- Letter of Service-Connection from the Department of Veterans Affairs, 22 March 2023
- DD Form 214, January 2019 to January 2023

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in effect, he wants his DD Form 214 to be correct.
2. Review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 7 January 2019 for 4 years. He held military occupational specialty 68R, Veterinary Food Inspection Specialist.
 - b. Permanent Order 052-01 issued by Headquarters, 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood on 30 November 2022, awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for service from 15 January 2020 to 5 November 2022.
 - c. He was honorably released from active duty on 6 January 2023 in accordance with chapter 4 of Army Regulation 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations) for completion of his required active service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 4 years of active service. It also shows in:

a. Block 13: Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized: Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon

b. Block 26: Separation Code. MBK.

c. Block 28: Narrative Reason for Separation. Completion of Required Active Service.

3. Service-connection is a term used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (Not by the Army). It means that a veteran's medical condition was directly caused by military service, whether it occurred on active duty, was aggravated by military service, was caused by conditions that are themselves service-connected, etc.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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

a. Permanent Order issued by Headquarters, 1st Medical Brigade, Fort Hood on 30 November 2022, awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for service from 15 January 2020 to 5 November 2022. This award should be listed on his DD Form 214.

b. Service-connection is a term used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (Not by the Army). It means that a veteran's medical condition was directly caused by military service, whether it occurred on active duty, was aggravated by military service, was caused by conditions that are themselves service-connected, etc.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT FULL RELIEF

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: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : : DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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 adding the Army Commendation Medal to his DD Form 214.

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to service connection by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. Chapter 5, Preparing Separation Documents, states 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 REFRAD, retirement, or dis-charge.

a. Block 13: Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized: List all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service. Do not use abbreviations. Do not enter foreign or State level awards on DD Form 214.

b. Block 26: Separation Code. To be completed for copies 2, 4, 7, and 8 only. Obtain the correct entry from AR 635-5-1 (Separation Program Designator Code), which provides the corresponding SPD code for the regulatory authority and reason for separation.

c. Block 28: Narrative Reason for Separation. This is based on regulatory or other authority and can be checked against the cross reference in AR 635-5-1.

2. Army Regulation 635-5-1 (Separation Code Designator Code) states Separation Code MBK applies to enlisted Soldiers separated under chapter 4 of Army Regulation 635-200 due to completion of their required service.

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