

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 29 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011452

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

- Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM)
- Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Enlisted Record Brief
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award), 21 February 2023
- ARCOM Certificate
- Orders 294-1123, 21 October 2021 (Retirement Orders)
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 31 May 2022

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he recently discovered the ICM was omitted from his DD Form 214 at the Fort Sam Houston Transition Center. Additionally, he would like the ARCOM added to his DD Form 214 which he was awarded from a prior assignment from 12 October 2003 through 13 February 2004 at Fort Bragg, NC.

2. The applicant provides:

a. The below listed documents to be referenced in the service record:

- Enlisted Record Brief
- Orders 294-1123, 21 October 2021
- DD Form 214 effective 31 May 2022

b. A DA Form 638 dated 21 February 2023 which shows the applicant was awarded the ARCOM for outstanding service while assigned as a biomedical equipment technician for the 28th Combat Support Hospital while deployed in support of Operation

Iraqi Freedom for the service period of 12 October 2003 through 13 February 2004. The accompanying ARCOM certificate was also issued on 21 February 2023.

3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 20 May 1998.

b. His Enlisted Record Brief (ERB) shows he deployed to the following locations:

- Iraq – 12 October 2003 to 13 February 2004
- Afghanistan – 19 January 2012 to 31 March 2012
- Afghanistan – 24 January 2013 to 16 September 2013

c. Orders 294-1123 dated 21 October 2021 released the applicant from active duty and placed him on the retirement list effective 31 May 2022.

d. He was retired from active duty on 31 May 2022. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 24 years and 11 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Meritorious Service Medal (2nd Award)
- ARCOM (6th Award)
- Army Achievement Medal (10th Award)
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Army Good Conduct Medal (7th Award)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award)
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award)
- Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (2nd Award)
- NATO Medal
- Senior Army Instructor Badge
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicle Clasp

e. On 26 May 2022, a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) was issued for the DD Form 214, for the service period ending 31 May 2022. The following corrections were made:

- Meritorious Service Medal (3rd Award)
- ARCOM (7th Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (8th Award)

4. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for an award that is not recorded on his DD Form 214. The award will be added to his DD Form 214 as an administrative correction and will not be considered by the Board.

5. By regulation, service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal by reason of service between 19 March 2003 and 28 February 2005, in an area for which the ICM was subsequently authorized, will remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, any such service member may be awarded the ICM in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for such service. No service member will be entitled to both medals for the same act, achievement, or period of service.

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 determined the applicant was entitled to the Global War on the Terrorism Expeditionary Medal or the Iraq Campaign Medal; however, no service member is authorized to receive both awards for the same period.

a. Since the applicant specifically requested the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Board is required to remove the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal to grant the request.

b. While not specified elsewhere in this record of proceedings, the applicant served in Iraq from 12 October 2003 to 13 February 2004. While not stated in this record of proceedings, the following campaigns occurred during his service in Iraq (Transition of Iraq, 2 May 2003 to 28 June 2004).

c. The applicant's DD Form 214 should be corrected to delete the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and add the Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 bronze service star.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board concurs with the corrections addressed in Administrative Note(s) below and 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 making the following corrections to his DD Form 214 ending 31 May 2022:

- deleting the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- adding the Iraq Campaign Medal with one bronze service star

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES: administratively correct the applicant's DD Form 214 ending 31 May 2022, to add the Army Commendation Medal.

REFERENCES:

Army Regulation 600-8-22 states service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal by reason of service between 19 March 2003 and 28 February 2005, in an area for which the Iraq Campaign Medal was subsequently authorized, will remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, any such service member may be awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for such service. No service member will be entitled to both medals for the same act, achievement, or period of service.

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