

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011634

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

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate, Good Conduct Medal

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 wants to have his DD Form 214 corrected to show award of the Good Conduct Medal.
3. The applicant provides a certificate awarding him the Good Conduct Medal for "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active federal military service from 11 February 1986 to 10 February 1989."
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 11 February 1986.
  - b. His DA Form 2-1 shows in Item 9 (Awards, Decorations & Campaigns):
    - Army Service Ribbon
    - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
    - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
    - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Mortar Bar (81mm)
    - Parachutist Badge
    - Overseas Service Ribbon

- Army Achievement Medal

c. He was discharged from the Regular Army on 21 July 1989, with an under honorable conditions (General) characterization of service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years, 5 months, and 11 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Achievement Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Mortar Bar (81mm)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar (.45 Caliber)
- Parachutist Badge

5. The applicant's record does not contain evidence that he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal or that his commander disqualified him for the award.

6. By regulation, the Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of active Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified.

#### 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 Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service from 11 February 1986 to 21 July 1989, a period of 3 years, 5 months, and 11 days. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award).

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) for exemplary service from 11 February 1986 to 21 July 1989 and adding the medal to his DD Form 214 for the period ending 21 July 1989.

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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) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of active Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified.

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