

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011791

APPLICANT REQUESTS: her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect her deployment for Operation Desert Storm and award of Army Commendation Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Last Will and Testament
- Permanent Orders 1-8
- Two Letters applicant Wrote Home
- Buddy Letter
- Army Commendation Medal Certificate
- DD Form 214
- Photos

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 her DD Form 214 does not reflect the time she served in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. She volunteered to deploy out of Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). They asked for an x-ray technician to volunteer for support. The process began in December 1990. She went to Fort Jackson, SC to continue to in process. Once she arrived in Saudi Arabia, she was attached to 86th Evacuation Hospital. It was the week prior to Christmas. She was attached to 86th Evacuation hospital out of Fort Campbell, KY at King Khalid Military City. She was there on 17 January 1991 and she believes they were back by May 1991. The Army Commendation Medal she received in Germany is also missing. She is trying to get benefits at her local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). She would also like to register with the Burn Pit Registry and have a Gulf War examination with the VA.

3. The applicant provides:

- a. Permanent Orders 1-8, 18 April 1990 shows she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service while assigned to the 67th Evacuation Hospital, Germany. Dates of Service 20 June 1988-20 June 1990.
- b. Two letters the applicant wrote home, 25 January 1991, and 19 February 1991 in which she discusses being in the war.
- c. Buddy letter, 1 July 2023 shows [REDACTED] was told by a mutual friend from that the applicant had been deployed to King Khalid Military City (KKMC). His unit was constantly moving so when they came through KKMC, he stopped by to visit with the applicant. She was attached to 86th Evacuation hospital out of Fort Campbell.
- f. Photos of the a servicemember near tents and with other Soldiers.

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

- a. DD Form 4 (Enlistment Record-Armed Forces of the United States) reflects she enlisted in the Regular Army on 4 August 1987.
- b. Her DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:
 - block 5 (Oversea Service): she served in Germany from 17 June 1988 through 12 June 1990
 - block 35 (Record of Assignments): she was assigned to 67th Evacuation Hospital, Germany and assigned to B Company, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC on 12 July 1990
- c. Permanent Orders 9-19, 14 January 1991 shows she was to proceed on temporary duty (deployment) to the Continental U.S. Replacement, Fort Jackson, SC in support of Operation Desert Shield for 179 days. Proceed date 16 January 1991.
- d. The Personnel Qualification Record, 26 April 1991 shows her unit as ARAMC. Report Date: 16 July 1990.
- e. Orders 146-22, 29 July 1991 reassigned her to the U.S. Transition Center and after processing released her from active duty not by reason of physical disability and assigned her to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).
- f. She was honorably released from active duty on 3 August 1991 and transferred to the USAR. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 4 years net active service. It also shows in:

- block 12f (Foreign Service): 1 year, 11 months and 26 days
- block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): National Defense Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16), and the Army Service Ribbon
- block 18 (Remarks): no entry regarding deployment

g. Orders D-08-568152, 8 August 1995 honorably discharged her from the USAR. Effective Date: 8 August 1995.

5. By regulation, AR 635-5 (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 release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 18 (Remarks) for an active-duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "Service in (Name of County Deployed), From (inclusive dates YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD)

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the provided ARCOM certificate and the current information reflected on the applicant's DD Form 214, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to add an ARCOM to the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 3 August 1991.

However, based upon the assignment history outlined on the applicant's DA Form 2-1 showing only foreign service in Germany, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting changing the applicant's record to show service in Operation Desert Storm.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT FULL RELIEF

   GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

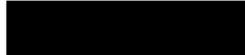
: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : : 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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by adding the Army Commendation Medal.
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 adding service in Operation Desert Storm.

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CHAIRPERSON


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 (Separation Documents), prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active-duty service or control of the Active Army. 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. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. Block 18 (Remarks) for an active-duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "Service in (Name of Country Deployed), From (inclusive dates YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD).
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Army Commendation Medal is awarded to any Servicemember of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service.

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