

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 6 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011856

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

a. Correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the following:

- Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

b. Item 14 (Military Education): to reflect the Combat Lifesaver Course.

c. A personal appearance before the Board.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-authored Letter with a Map
- Orders 90-20 Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders
- Letter to Applicant's Parent
- Desert Shield Identification Card and Equipment Receipt
- Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- Army Units Deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Storm
- General Orders Number 1 Authorization to Wear Patch
- DD Form 214
- Reference Letters

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the three year time frame provided in Title 10, United States Code, section 1552(b); however, the 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 in her application and self-authored letter:

a. Her DD Form 214 is inaccurate and does not show her complete record of her service in the U.S. Army. She wants to be acknowledged for the achievements, training that she completed, and her deployment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm, while she was on active duty status.

b. She wrote the letter to the Board to establish a timeline to provide evidence that she was, indeed, deployed to Saudi Arabia for Desert Shield (1990-1991). Also included are supporting documents. When she submitted her Department of Veterans Administration (VA) disability claims, they resulted in denial, she discovered that her unit/Army failed to include her deployment information, as well as associated awards, on her DD Form 214 and in her military record. She was only stationed in Ansbach, Germany, during her service, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company (HHC), 1st Armored Division (AD) G2, from July 1990 until March 1991. This information is indicated on her DD Form 214. She was an Imagery Analyst (96D also known as 35G) in the Military Intelligence career field, also annotated on her DD Form 21.

c. Starting in November 1990, 1st AD, nicknamed "Old Ironsides", deployed 17,400 Soldiers to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. Her unit, HHC, 1st AD, was notified via command leadership that they, as a unit were deploying to the Gulf on 23 December 1990. No official written notification was provided to the applicant. The buddy letter she included, supports this fact. On 23 December 1990, the unit headed for the airport for departure to the Gulf, arriving in country on 24 December 1990. She was unsure of their exact location (somewhere in Saudi Arabia); specific details were not provided. Upon arrival, they were loaded into vehicles and taken to another location, it was called Tent City. The unit temporarily remained at this location to all them to acclimate to the climate and pick up their vehicles and supplies before heading out to another location. Eventually, the unit arrived at a stable location to set up their Tactical Operations Center, where their sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) was established, the facility where the applicant was assigned to provide intelligence support to Desert Shield/Storm. In order to access this secure facility each analyst was required to have a SCIF badge, which she provided for the Board's consideration. She does not remember dates or have knowledge of locations of each camp site; however, it was likely she was located in one of more of the locations indicated by the 1AD patch circled in green on the included map.

d. While deployed, the applicant was diagnosed with sinusitis and bronchitis, along with being notified she was pregnant. Due to these medical conditions, she was returned to her duty station in Germany in mid-February 1991. Apparently, she was deployed without knowing she was pregnant. From Ansbach, Germany, she was sent to Fort Dix, New Jersey to complete her separation from the Army. She was honorably

discharged on 11 March 1991. It seemed like she was just rushed through the separation process. She had no exit physical and a lot of important information regarding training, deployment to Desert Shield/Desert Storm, awards, being a combat lifesaver, were excluded from her military records and DD Form 214. She was also informed her medical records were lost. She requests her records be corrected. Not only will this provide her the proper, well deserved, recognition for her service and sacrifice to our country, it will allow her to resubmit her VA disability claims. She believes she is entitled to compensation for her medical conditions, which she believes were caused by her time deployed in the Persian Gulf.

3. A review of the Desert Shield/Storm Data Base (Gulf War) roster shows the applicant was deployed in support of Desert Shield/Storm from 1 January 1991 through 11 March 1991 and is authorized the following awards, which will be administratively corrected:

- Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze service star
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

4. The applicant's request for correction of her records to show she completed the Combat Lifesaver Course will be considered by the Board.

5. The documents provided by the applicant are in reference to her deployment in support of Desert Shield/Storm and do not reference her training as a Combat Lifesaver. The documents are available for the Board's consideration.

6. The applicant's service record contains the following documentation:

a. DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States), shows the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army and entered active duty on 15 September 1989 and received a military occupational specialty 96D (Imagery Analyst).

b. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) does not include information in item 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools) showing she completed the Combat Lifesaver Course. Item 35 (Record of Assignment) shows she was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Armor Division from 7 August 1990 through 7 March 1991.

c. DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows the applicant was honorably discharged on 11 March 1991. Item 14 (Military Education) is

void of the Combat Lifesaver Course. She completed 1 year, 5 months, and 27 days of net active service this period.

d. The applicant's service record is void of, and the applicant did not provide, evidence that she completed the Combat Lifesaver Course.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board found partial relief is warranted.
2. The Board found no evidence confirming the applicant's claim that she completed the Combat Lifesaver Course. The Board determined the evidence is insufficient a basis for adding this course to her DD Form 214.
3. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:


<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	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 making the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

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 the Combat Lifesaver Course.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

Correct the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 11 March 1991 to show:

a. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): She was awarded the:

- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with one bronze service star
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

b. Item 18 (Remarks): "Service in Southwest Asia from 1 January 1991 through 11 March 1991".

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, 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. AR 15-185 (ABCMR), states that the ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. It will decide cases based on the evidence of record and it is not an investigative body. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence. Paragraph 2-11 states that applicants do not have a right to a hearing before the ABCMR. The Director or the ABCMR may grant a formal hearing whenever justice requires.

3. AR 635-5 (Separation Documents), prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army. The DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. Paragraph 2-4h provides detailed instructions and source documents for completing each block of the DD Form 214 and states for Item 14 (Military Education) will contain a list of formal in-service (full time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214.

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