

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 May 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011917

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show her service in Korea and award of the Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars
- award of the Korea Defense Service Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate, Army Commendation Medal, dated 1 December 1999
- Certificate, Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars, dated 8 March 2002

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 she served in Korea from 1998-2000 and it is not reflected on her DD Form 214. She is authorized award of the Korea Defense Service Medal. Her agency requires her time served in Korea to be reflected on her DD Form 214 in order to calculate her service computation date for leave accrual purposes.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. A certificate for award of the Army Commendation Medal, issued to the applicant on 1 December 1999, for meritorious service while assigned as the Administrative Noncommissioned Officer from 6 January 1998 to 5 January 2000.
 - b. A Certificate of Achievement, dated 8 March 2002, awarded to the applicant for earning three sapphire stars to the Army Gold Recruiter Badge.

4. Review of the applicant's service record shows:

- a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 28 June 1996.
- b. She was stationed in Korea from 5 January 1998 to 6 January 2000.
- c. A memorandum issued by U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion – Jackson, dated 11 January 2002, announced the award of the Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars for the applicant from 1 November 2001 to 31 December 2001.
- d. On 31 January 2016, she retired from active duty with an honorable characterization of service. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 19 years, 7 months, and 3 days of active service. It also shows:

- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star
- Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars
- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal (7th award)
- Army Achievement Medal (4th award)
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award)
- National Defense Service Medal (2nd award)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd award)
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (4th award)
- NATO Medal
- Silver Basic Recruiter Badge with one gold achievement star
- Air Assault Badge
- Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-Wheeled Vehicle Claps
- Drill Sergeant Identification Badge

5. By regulation (AR 635-8):

a. 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.

b. For active-duty Soldiers deployed with their unit during their continuous period of active service, enter "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates)" in block 18 (Remarks).

6. Also, by regulation (AR 600-8-22) states:

a. The U.S. Army Gold Recruiter Badge is authorized for wear by eligible personnel meeting the criteria established by the CG, USAREC effective 1 October 2016.

(1) Award of the Gold Recruiter Badge with one, two, or three sapphires was suspended effective 30 September 2010.

(2) Authority for permanent wear of the Gold Recruiter Badge for eligible personnel as a permanent part of the uniform will be announced by memorandum as authorized by the CG, USAREC.

b. The Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions for correction of her DD Form 214 to show her service in Korea and award of the Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars. Evidence in the record shows the applicant was stationed in Korea from 5 January 1998 to 6 January 2000, meeting the criteria for award of the Korea Defense Service Medal. Additionally, a memorandum issued by U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion – Jackson, dated 11 January 2002,

announced the award of the Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars for the applicant from 1 November 2001 to 31 December 2001. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 amending her DD Form 214 for the period ending 31 January 2016 to show in:

- Item 13 (Decoration, Medals, Badges, Citation and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):
 - Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three sapphire stars
 - Korea Defense Service Medal (KDSM)

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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 NOTE: N/A

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) 635-8 (Separation Documents) states:

a. 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.

b. For active duty Soldiers deployed with their unit during their continuous period of active service , enter "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates)" in block 18 (Remarks).

3. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

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