

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 20 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011922

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty):

a. to add the following awards to block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Commendation Medal
- Armed Service Medal (presumably the Armed Forces Service Medal)
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Valorous Unit Award

b. to show his foreign service in Southwest Asia in blocks 12f (Foreign Service) and 18 (Remarks).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- applicant's statement
- two character references
- DD Form 214
- three Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) documents

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 honorably served in Southwest Asia but that service is not reflected on his DD Form 214.

a. On 16 July 1986, the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry was reactivated to become part of the 6th Cavalry Brigade and was the third unit to receive the AH-64 Apache. In January 1988, the Squadron moved from Fort Hood, Texas to Illesheim, Germany and was formally assigned to US Army Europe.

b. As tensions increased in the Middle East, following the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, the Squadron deployed to Saudi Arabia, as part of Operation Desert Shield. During combat operations as part of Operation Desert Storm, the unit flew 3 combat missions, destroying over 200 armored vehicles, and earning the Valorous Unit Citation.

c. The applicant states, in effect, he was attached to 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment from 2 February 1991 to 31 July 1991 (6 months). He indicates he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal while attached, and should also have been awarded the:

- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- Kuwaiti Liberation Medal (Saudi-Arabia)
- Presidential Unit Citation
- Valorous Unit Award

3. The Board will only consider the applicant's request for the Armed Forces Service Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation, the Valorous Unit Award, Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award). The remaining portions of the applicant's request will be addressed through an administrative correction.

4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army (RA) on 3 November 1989, and he held military occupational specialty 67R (AH-64 Attack Helicopter Repairer).

5. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record - Part II) contains the following entries and information:

a. Item 5 (Overseas Service) does not include any entries.

b. Item 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns) shows, in part-

- Army Service Ribbon
- Aircraft Crewman Badge (currently the Basic Aviation Badge)

- Army Commendation Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award) (orders/certificates not available)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award - 3 November 1995)

c. Item 35 (Record of Assignments) does not show an attachment to 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment in Texas, Germany, or Southwest Asia during the period from 2 February 1991 to 31 July 1991.

6. His name is listed in the Operations Desert Shield/Storm Database compiled by the Defense Manpower Data Center. The database shows he was deployed in support of the Gulf War from 2 February 1991 to 31 July 1991 (a period of 6 months). The primary Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm file contains one record for each active-duty member who participated in theater between 2 August 1990 and 31 July 1991.

7. He was honorably released from active duty under the provisions of chapter 4, Army Regulation 635-200, due to completion of his required active service, in the rank/grade of sergeant/E-5, on 16 March 1997. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 7 years, 4 months, and 14 days of active service, and includes the following entries/information:

- Item 12f - "0000 00 00"
- Item 13 -
 - Army Service Lapel Button
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Army Good Conduct Medal
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
 - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Item 18 does not show his deployment to Southwest Asia

8. The applicant served honorably in an active-duty status from 3 November 1989 to 16 March 1997. His DA Form 2-1 shows he received or was due to receive the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) on 3 November 1995, but it was not listed on his DD Form 214. A review of his record shows:

- his first award was for exemplary service from 3 November 1989 through 3 November 1992
- he completed 7 years, 4 months, and 14 days of active-service
- he attained the rank/grade of SGT/E-5 and deployed to Southwest Asia
- there is no derogatory information in his file that would have disqualified him for receiving a second award

9. The applicant's unit of assignment in Southwest Asia is not clearly listed in the available evidence, however, he claims he was assigned to Second Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment. The Army General Orders Unit Award Index confirms Second Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment was awarded the Valorous Unit Award for the period 26 February through 27 February 1991 in Department of the Army General Orders 1994-27. The Board will determine whether this evidence is sufficient to award the applicant the Valorous Unit Award.

10. The available evidence does not show Second Squadron, 6th Cavalry, 11th Aviation Regiment was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation when the applicant was assigned to the unit between 2 February and 31 July 1991.

11 The applicant's submissions, to include the below documents, were provided to the Board in their entirety.

a. A character reference statement from Mr. [REDACTED] who states he served with the applicant from 1990 to 1997. After completing advanced individual training, they were both assigned to the Apache Training Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. When the Persian Gulf started in 1990, they were both given orders for Southwest Asia. In Saudi Arabia Mr. [REDACTED] was assigned to 1st Cavalry and the applicant was assigned to 2d Battalion, 6th Cavalry. They left Saudi Arabia, returned to Ft Hood, TX, and were assigned to the Apache Training Brigade, 1st Battalion, 229th which relocated to Fort Bragg, NC in 1992. They reenlisted in 1994 and moved back to Ft. Hood, TX. They were roommates from 1992 to 1997. They lived in Spring Hill, NC together from 1992 to 1994; in Harker Heights, Tx from 1994 to 1996; and in Coppers Cove, TX from 1996 to 1997.

b. A character reference statement from Mr. [REDACTED] who states the applicant went with him from advanced individual training to Ft Hood, TX, where he was assigned to 6th Cavalry which was deployed to Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He served 3 months with that unit until he rotated back to Fort Hood, TX. The whole unit was then reassigned to Ft Bragg, NC, he was with this unit until 1993. He was promoted to sergeant/E-5, and he was reassigned to 6th Cavalry Brigade, Fort Hood, TX. His combat patch should be 11th Aviation Brigade for his time in service with the cavalry unit.

c. Three VA Documents:

(1) A VA Regional Office Compensation/Pension Exam Request, dated 17 April 1997, showing in Remarks this examination was for: Persian Gulf Claim: Back pain, left ankle condition, bilateral knee condition, hip condition bilateral, residuals left clavicle, joint pain, headaches, and poison ivy residuals.

(2) Two VA documents confirming he served in Southwest Asia from 2 February to 31 July 1991.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found partial relief is warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.
2. The Board found no evidence indicating the applicant served in an operation for this the Armed Forces Service Medal was authorized, nor is there evidence that he was assigned to a unit during a period for which the unit received the Presidential Unit Citation. The Board determined the evidence does not support adding this medal or unit citation to his record.
3. The Board found the evidence sufficient to verify the applicant served in a unit during a period for which the unit received the Valorous Unit Award. The Board determined this unit award should be added to his DD Form 214.
4. The Board found the applicant met the criteria for the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award). The Board determined he should be awarded this medal, and it should be added to his DD Form 214.
5. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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:

a. Awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) for the period 3 November 1992 through 2 November 1995.

b. Amending his DD Form 214 by adding the Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award) and Valorous Unit Award and 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 any relief in excess of that described above.

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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): administratively correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by:

a. adding to block 12f the entry, "0000 06 00."

b. adding the below awards to block 13:

- Basic Aviation Badge (formerly Aircraft Crew Member Badge)
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze service stars
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

c. adding to block 18, the entry "SERVICE IN SOUTHWEST ASIA FROM 199101020 - 19910731."

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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace there over, on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. Approved designated campaigns are:

- Defense of Saudi Arabia (2 August 1990 to 16 January 1991)
- Liberation and Defense of Kuwait (17 January to 11 April 1991)
- Cease-Fire Campaign (12 April 1991 to 30 November 1995)

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Kuwait (KLM-KU) was approved on 9 November 1995 and was awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993.

c. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA) was approved on 3 January 1992 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 17 January 1991 and 28 February 1991.

d. There are three degrees of Aviation Badge authorized for award; the first level, is the Basic Aviation Badge (formerly Aircraft Crew Member Badge). To be eligible for award of the Basic Aviation Badge, individuals must have met the minimum requirements for the permanent award of the Basic Aviation Badge, which included, successful completion of advanced individual training in career management field 67 from 7 April 1983 to 31 August 2003.

e. The Armed Forces Service Medal is awarded to Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 1 June 1992, participate or have participated as Servicemembers of U.S. military units in a U.S. military operation that is deemed to be a significant activity and have encountered no foreign armed opposition or imminent

threat of hostile action. The AFSM may be authorized for significant U.S. military activities for which no other U.S. campaign or service medal is appropriate, such as peacekeeping operations and prolonged humanitarian operations. The AFSM will be awarded only for operations for which no other U.S. campaign or service medal is approved.

f. 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.

3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, provided detailed instructions for completing separation documents, including the DD Form 214. It provided for entry of the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered in item 12f (Foreign Service). A more recent version of this regulation stated for an active-duty Soldier deployed with their unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD)" in item 18.

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