

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 13 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011962

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (certificate of Release or Discharge) to reflect his U.S Army Marksmanship School

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 graduated from a U.S Army Marksmanship School at Fort Benning, GA on 11 /30/1990. Upon leaving the military, he requested copies of all his training and medical records, to include his DD Form 214. He noticed this training is missing. He strongly believes this was inadvertently forgotten to be placed in his file, and therefore not listed on his DD Form 214. If needed for comparison, he attended this training with [REDACTED] (Staff Sergeant at the time). He contacted him to verify the status of his and he (the staff sergeant) states his records are up to date and of course remembers the applicant being present with him and graduating from the training.
3. Review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 12 September 1986, and he held military occupational specialty 95B, Military Police.
 - b. He served through multiple reenlistments, in a variety of stateside or overseas assignments, including Germany (February 1987 to June 1990) and Korea (May 1993 to May 1994). He was advanced to sergeant/E-5.

c. His service record does not contain a diploma, a certificate of completion, or a certificate of training confirming attendance at the U.S Army Marksmanship School, Fort Benning, GA.

d. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) does not list any marksmanship training. It lists the following training courses:

FOREST LAKE HS	GENERAL	4YR	YES	86
USACML&MPCEN&FM	LAW ENF (95B)	17WK	YES	87
USAREUR LANG/7th ARMY	German Headstart	1WK	YES	87
HEIDELBERG, GE	MIL POL CERT CR	1WK	YES	88
VAIHINGEN/ENZ, GE	Anti Ter Eva Driv	1WK	YES	89
HEIDELBERG, WGE	USA EUR PROT SVC	3WK	YES	89
USANCOAcademyFT Campbell	PLDC	4WK	YES	91
FORT MCCOY, WI	RADAR TRAINING	1WK	YES	91
ACCP	PHYSICAL SECUR	EXT	YES	93
CAMP CASEY, KOREA	NBC DEF CRS	2WK	YES	93
CHEJU-DO TRAIN CENTER	RAPP AND MOUNT	1WK	YES	94

e. He was honorably discharged from active duty on 21 September 1994. His DD Form 214 shows in Block 14 (Military Education) the same training courses shown on his DA Form 2-1. It does not list the U.S Army Marksmanship School, Fort Benning, GA.

4. A staff member of the Army Review Boards Agency, Case Management Division contacted the applicant and asked him to provide a copy of his U.S. Army Marksmanship School completion certificate. The applicant responded that he does not have a copy of this certificate.

5. By regulation (AR 635-5), 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 specific instructions for item 14, Military Education, is to list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed. This information is to assist the soldier after separation in job placement and counseling.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is not warranted.

2. The Board found no documentation corroborating the applicant's claim that he attended a U.S. Army Marksmanship School. In the absence of such documentation, the Board determined the requested relief must be denied.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
█	█	█	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

12/11/2024

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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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. 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. The specific instructions for item 14, Military Education, is to list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed; e. g., medical, dental, electronics, supply, administrative, personnel or heavy equipment. This information is to assist the soldier after separation in job placement and counseling; therefore, training courses for combat skills will not be listed.

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