

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 May 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012060

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to item 14 (Military Education) of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), ending on 18 March 2008, to show the following training:

- Jungle Warfare Training
- Pathfinder Course Training
- Parachutist Training

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Jungle Warfare Course Certificate, 23 September 1996
- Pathfinder Course Certificate, undated
- Airborne Advanced School Certificate, 12 June 2005

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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 would like his record updated to reflect training he completed over his 25 years of service in the Active Army and the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) from 21 April 1994 through 15 September 2019.
3. On 22 April 1994, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army.
4. The applicant provides a Jungle Warfare Course Certificate which shows he completed the Course on 23 September 1996.

5. On 21 April 1998, the applicant was honorably released from active duty by reason of completion of required active service and transferred to the Adjutant General of Texas. His DD Form 214 includes the following entries:

a. item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) lists the:

- Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon

b. item 14 (Military Education) is void of an entry.

6. On 22 April 1998, the applicant enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG).

7. On 30 June 1999, the applicant was released from the ARNG with a general-under honorable conditions characterization of service and transferred to the USAR Control Group (Reinforcement). The National Guard Bureau Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service) he was issued includes the following entries/information:

a. item 12 (Military Education) is void of an entry.

b. item 15 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded) lists the:

- Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal

8. On 5 October 2003, the applicant enlisted in the USAR for a period of 6-years.

9. The applicant provides an Airborne Advanced School Certificate which shows the applicant successfully completed the 3-week "Combat Airborne Jump School" (also known as the Basic Airborne Course) the training on 12 June 2005.

10. On 24 April 2009, the applicant reenlisted in the USAR for a period of 6-years and served continuously until he was placed in the Retired Reserve.

11. On 1 December 2006, the applicant entered active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

12. On 18 March 2008, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to his USAR unit. DD Form 214 includes the following entries/information:

a. item 13 lists the:

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (2nd Award)
- National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award)
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device
- NATO Medal

b. item 14 is void of an entry.

13. On 25 April 2019, the applicant was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Non-Regular Retirement (20-Year Letter).

14. On 9 September 2019, Orders Number 19-252-00033 issued by Headquarters, 63rd Readiness Division the applicant was assigned to the Retired Reserve, effective 15 September 2019.

15. The applicant's records are void of orders awarding him the Parachutist Badge and he does not provide any orders.

16. The applicant provides an undated Pathfinder Course Certificate which shows the applicant completed the course on an unknown date.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

2. The applicant did not have any parachute badge orders in his records, but he did provide completion certificates for the Jungle Warfare Course, the Pathfinder Course,

and Basic Airborne Course. In addition to adding the Basic Airborne Course, his DD Form 214 should also be corrected to add the Parachutist Badge.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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 the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by making the following amendments to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), ending 18 March 2008, by:

- a. adding the Parachutist Badge to item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), and
- b. adding the following entries to item 14 (Military Education):
 - Jungle Warfare Course, 2 weeks, 1996
 - Pathfinder Course, 2 weeks, unknown
 - Airborne Course, 3 weeks, 2005

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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.

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. Army Regulation (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents) in effect at the time prescribes 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, clearcut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. Source documents will consist of the enlisted record brief, and any other document authorized for filing in the official military personnel file. Item 13; list awards and decorations for all periods of service in the priority sequence specified in Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards). Each entry will be verified by the Soldier's records. Item 14; from the enlisted record brief, list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214. Include title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills.
3. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states, for the Parachutist Badge to be eligible for award of the basic Parachutist Badge, an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School. Orders are required to confirm award of the badge.

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