

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012190

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show: Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/campaign star.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Orders CR-016-0140 16 January 2018, deployment in a Temporary Change of Station (TCS) o/a 17 February 2018
- Enlisted Record Brief

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he served in Afghanistan from February 2018 thru November 2018. He has the medal on his Enlisted Record Brief and the deployment orders to showing that he deployed to Afghanistan.

2. Review of the applicant's service records shows:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 3 January 2017 and held military occupational specialty 15E, RQ-7 Repairer. His Enlisted Record Brief shows, following completing of training, he was assigned to Fort Carson, CO, around September 2017.

b. On 16 January 2018, Headquarters, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Carson published Orders deploying him in a temporary change of station to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel, for 300 days, proceeding on or about 17 February 2008. (later amended to read 260 days, proceeding on or about 26 February 2018).

c. On 24 July 2018, Headquarters, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division published Permanent Order 2001-003 that awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. The period of service shown on the DA Form 638 (Recommendation or Award) is 27 February 2018 to 15 November 2018 (8 months, 20 days)

d. His Enlisted Record Brief is also shows he was reassigned to Fort Riley, KS around 10 May 2021. Additionally, the Overseas Service/Deployment/Combat Duty block shows he served in Korea in a temporary duty status from 24 June 2021 to 17 September 2021 (2 months, 24 days).

e. On 15 November 2022, a physical evaluation board found him physically unfit and recommended his permanent disability retirement. Accordingly, he retired on 19 February 2023 due to disability. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 6 years, 1 month, and 17 days of active service. It also shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) - 0000-02-24
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), Army Commendation Medal with C Device, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Basic Aviation Badge
- Block 18 (Remarks), no deployment entry

4. The applicant's Enlisted Record Brief, dated 22 November 2022, does not list any deployment to Afghanistan; however, it lists the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star as an authorized award.

5. By regulation (AR 635-8), the form that documents a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty is the DD Form 214. Chapter 2 of Army Regulation 635-5 provides instructions to complete the DD Form 214. It states, for:

- Block 12f, enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- Block 13, list all federal awards and decorations
- Block 18, for an active duty Soldier deployed to a foreign country with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)"

#### 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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The evidence shows the applicant was issued Orders deploying him in a temporary change of station (TCS) to Afghanistan, in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel, for 300 days, proceeding on or about 17 February 2008 (amended to read 260 days), proceeding on

or about 26 February 2018). His award of the Army Commendation Medal is for meritorious service while deployed in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel. The period of service shown on the Recommendation or Award is 27 February 2018 to 15 November 2018 (8 months, 20 days). The applicant's PEB also states he deployment to Afghanistan. The Board found the TCS order, the PEB, and the DA Form 638 are sufficient evidence of deployment/foreign service in Afghanistan from 27 February 201 to 15 November 2018, which also qualifies him for award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star as well is the listing of his foreign service/deployment.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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 amending his DD Form 214 as follows:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) - 0001-01-14
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), Afghanistan Campaign Medal with campaign star
- Block 18 (Remarks), Service in Afghanistan from 27 February 2018 to 15 November 2018

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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. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and 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. 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 general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. The specific instructions for:

- Block 12f, enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18
- Block 13, list all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service. Do not use abbreviations. Do not enter foreign or State level awards on DD Form 214
- Block 18, for an active duty Soldier deployed to a foreign country with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)"

2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Afghanistan Campaign Medal is authorized for servicemembers who served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 11 September 2001 to 31 December 2014 and Operation Freedom's Sentinel from 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2021. The AOE encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all airspaces above the land. One bronze service star is authorized for participation in each designated campaign. DoD-designated campaigns for Afghanistan include Transition II Campaign (1 January 2015 to a date to be determined).

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