

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 18 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012255

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate of the Army Achievement Medal, Permanent Orders 50-5, 2 August 1991
- Certificate of Service in Support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, 18 April 1991
- Image of the Kuwait Liberation Medal

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 wants his DD Form 214 to correctly reflect his achievements and service. This will also help him avoid issues with the Department of Veterans Affairs in the future.
3. Review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 7 June 1989 and held military occupational specialty 27E, TOW/DRAGON Repairer.
 - b. Following completion of training, he was assigned to 832nd Ordnance Battalion, Fort Stewart, GA.
 - c. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record, Part II) shows in Block 5 (Overseas Service) the entry " Saudi Arabia, From 15 August 1990." There is no ending date.

d. The applicant's DA Form 2A (Personnel Qualification Record, Part I) shows the Last Comat Tour/Date as Saudi Arabia/91-03

e. The applicant was honorably released from active duty on 6 June 1993, after completing 4 years of active service. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) - 0000-00-00
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), Army Achievement Medal, Army Lapel Button, Army Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award), National Defense Service Medal, and Expert Badge with Rifle Bar
- Block 18 (Remarks), no deployment entry

4. The applicant's name is listed on the Guld Roster as follows:
[SSN and Name], AR 901001-910330, [UIC and MOS]

5. The applicant provides:

a. Certificate of Service, 1 April 1991, in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

b. Certificate, 2 August 1991, award of the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in support of Operation Desert Shield.

6. By regulation (AR 635-5), 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 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 applicant provides clear evidence (certificates) of his service in Southwest Asia in support of Operations Desert Shield/Storm. However, the Board found his exact dates of service problematic. The applicant's service record shows conflicting information. His

DA Form 2-1 shows he served in Saudi Arabia/Southwest Asia beginning on 15 August 1990. There is no ending date. His DA Form 2A shows his last combat tour ended in March 1991. His name is listed on the Gulf Roster having served from 1 October 1990 to 30 March 1991. Given what is available before the Board, and without additional evidence, the Board determined the dates 15 August 1990 to 31 March 1991 appear to be the closest dates of his service in Southwest Asia.

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 amending his DD Form 214 to show:

- Block 12f, add 0 years, 7 months, and 15 days
- Block 13, add the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze services tars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- Block 18, add Service in Southwest Asia 15 March 1990 to 31 March 1991

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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, 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. 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 foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- Block 13, list all 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)"

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

a. The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia (KLM – SA) is awarded by the Government of Saudi Arabia to Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in Operation Desert Storm between 17 January 1991 and 28 February 1991 in one or more of the Persian Gulf.

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal-Government of Kuwait (KLM – KU) is awarded by the government of Kuwait to Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993 in one or more of the following areas: the Arabian Gulf; the Red Sea; the Gulf of Oman; and other areas.

c. The Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) is awarded to all Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in SWA and contiguous waters or airspace there over on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. One bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the SWASM for

participation in each designated campaign. Table K – 1 lists the DoD-designated campaigns for SWA:

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

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