# ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF:

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012404

<u>APPLICANT REQUESTS:</u> in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:

- the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) (3rd Award)
- in block 7a (Place of Entry into Active Duty) the address listed in block 4 (Place of Enlistment/Reenlistment) should be Dallas Military Entrance Processing Station/Dallas, TX, 75202)
- in block 7b (Home of Record at Time of Entry) an address other than what is currently listed (XXXX L\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_ Drive, Corpus Christie, TX, 78413)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Force of the United States)
- Enlisted Record Brief, 29 December 2022
- Permanent Order 0004417441.00, Department of the Army, 6 April 2023

### FACTS:

- 1. The applicant states, in effect, his ARCOM (3rd Award) was not completed prior to his out-processing and transition leave. Also, his DD Form 214 has his current address listed in Blocks 7a. Place of Entry into Active Duty) and 7b. Home of Record at Time of Entry), which is not accurate. Upon review before receiving signed DD Form 214, he was checking for accuracy of addresses and missed the category/box the addresses were in . "7a. Place of Entry into Active Duty" should be Dallas MEPS /Dallas, TX 75202-4709. "7b. Home of Record at Time of Entry" should be XXXX L\_\_\_\_ W\_\_\_ Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 7841
- 2. The applicant's DD For 4 shows he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve under the Delayed Entry Program on 26 May 2011. His DD Form 4 shows in:
  - Item 3 (Home of Record), [Address in Denton, TX, 76201]

- Item 4 (Place of Enlistment) Dallas Military Entrance Processing Station, Dallas, TX 75202
- 3. The applicant's DD Form 1966 (Record of Military Processing Armed Forces of the United States) completed at the time of his enlistment, lists in:
  - Item 3 (Current Address) XXXX Lake E\_\_\_\_, Corpus Christi, TX 78413
  - Item 4 (Home of Record) XXXX Lake E\_\_\_\_, Corpus Christi, TX 78413
- 4. The applicant was discharged from the DEP and enlisted in the Regular Army on 25 July 2011. He served in military occupational specialty 42R (Army Bandsperson).
- 5. His Enlisted Record Brief, dated 29 December 2022, shows, in Section VIII Awards and Decorations, he was awarded <u>two ARCOMs</u>. It also shows his HOR as Corpus Christie, TX.
- 6. His service record only contains two sets of orders:
  - Permanent Order 090-002, awarded him the ARCOM effective 6 April 2015, for service 6 January 2012 to 10 June 2015
  - Permanent Order 0004417441.00, 6 April 2023, awarded him the ARCOM effective 31 March 2023, for service 10 March 2020 to 30 June 2023
- 7. On 19 June 2023, he was honorably discharged upon the completion of his required active duty. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows he was awarded or authorized the:
  - ARCOM (2nd Award)
  - Army Achievement Medal (4th Award)
  - Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award)
  - National Defense Service Medal
  - Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
  - Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award)
  - Army Service Ribbon
  - Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
  - Driver and Mechanic Badge Mechanic
  - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
  - Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver Wheeled Vehicle clasp
- 8. The ARCOM may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION:**

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

- a. Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award): Grant. The applicant's record contains two sets of orders awarding him two awards of the Army Commendation Medal. These awards should be added to his DD Form 214.
- b. Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award): Deny. The Board did not find, and the applicant does not provide a third set of orders to show a third award of the Army Commendation Medal.
- c. Place of Entry into Active Duty: Grant. The applicant enlisted at the Dallas, TX, MEPS. His DD Form 214 shows the place of entry as Flint, TX. This should be corrected.
- d. Home of Record: Grant. The applicant's DD Form 1966 and ERB both reflect his HOR as Corpus Christie, TX. His DD Form 214 shows an address in Flint, TX. This should be corrected.

#### **BOARD VOTE:**

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: : GRANT FULL RELIEF

GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

: : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : 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 amending his DD Form 214 as follows:

- Block 7a, show the address, city, state, and zip code shown on his DD Form 1966
- Block 7b, show the address, city, state, and zip code shown on his DD Form 4
- Block 13, add two awards of the Army Commendation Medal.
- 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.



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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the ARCOM may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.
- 2. Army Regulation 15-185 (ABCMR) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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