

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 15 May 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013031

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 21 October 2021 to list the following awards:

- Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)
- Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM)
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) (2nd Award)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, 5 July 2005
- General Orders Number 2010-24, Headquarters, Department of the Army, 24 November 2010
- Permanent Orders 130-002, Special Operations Command North, 10 May 2019
- Joint Service Achievement Medal Certificate, 10 May 2019
- DD Form 214, 30 September 2019
- Joint Staff Permanent Order Number J-1SO-0107-21, 28 July 2021
- DD Form 214, 21 October 2021
- Joint Staff Permanent Order Number J-1SO-0030-23, 24 March 2023
- Citation, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, 24 March 2023
- Lineage and Honors Information, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment

FACTS:

1. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 6 July 2001. He served in military occupational specialty 92F (Petroleum Supply Specialist).
2. On 5 July 2005, he was honorably released from active duty upon the completion of his required active service. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows he served in Jordan from 14 June to 5 July 2001 and 15 September to 1 December 2002. It further shows he served in Jordan/Iraq from 15 January to 30 June 2003 and Kuwait/Iraq 1 August 2003 to 26 February 2004. Block 8a (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) show

assignment to Company D, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment.

3. His Official Military Personnel File contains an Automated Record Brief dated 10 March 2015, which shows he was assigned to Company D throughout the period in question for award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

4. The applicant provides a/an:

a. General Orders Number 2010-24, Headquarters, Department of the Army, 24 November 2010. He highlights the Meritorious Unit Commendation awarded to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment for service from 15 May 2005 to 15 January 2006 (to include the following assigned or attached units):

- Company B, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Company C, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Company B, 3rd Special Forces Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Company C, 3rd Special Forces Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Detachment, Company A, 2nd Special Forces Battalion, 19th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Operational Detachment A 125, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment
- Operational Detachment A 155, 1st Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment

b. DD Form 214 for the period 6 July 2001 to 5 July 2005. Block 8a (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) shows he was assigned to Company D, 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment.

c. Lineage and Honors Information as of 3 October 2016, for 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment in which he highlights the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army), Streamer embroidered Iraq 2005-2006.

5. The Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy occurring on or after 1 January 1944. Units based in the continental United States are excluded from this award, as are other units outside the area of operations.

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 Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicants petition and available military records the Board determined there is sufficient evidence based on permanent orders to support correction of the applicant's DD Form 214 to show award of the Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM) and the Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) (2nd Award). However, the Board found the applicant was assigned to Company D, 1st Special Forces Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces Regiment throughout the period in question for award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The Board noted based on Lineage and Honors information, his company was not awarded the MUC. Therefore, the Board granted partial relief to award the JSAM and JMUA (2nd Award).

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	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 the applicant DD Form 214 for the period ending 21 October 2021 to add:

Joint Service Achievement Medal and Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2nd Award).

- Permanent Orders 130-002, Special Operations Command North, 10 May 2019, awarded him the Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Joint Staff Permanent Order Number J-1SO-0107-21, 28 July 2021, awarded him the Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Joint Staff Permanent Order Number J-1SO-0030-23, 24 March 2023, awarded him the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

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 award of the Meritorious Unit Commendation.



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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S): N/A

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy occurring on or after

1 January 1944. Units based in the continental United States are excluded from this award, as are other units outside the area of operations.

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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