

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013296

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- in effect, correction of item 35 (Record of Assignments) on his DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) to show:
  - Attached to Company A, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment; 24th Infantry Mechanized Battalion
  - Assigned to VII Corps, from 9 December 1990 to May 1991
  - Assigned to Company C, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, from May 1991 to 28 April 1992
- correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:
  - deployment to Saudi Arabia/Southwest Asia
  - all awards and decorations

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

- Three DD Forms 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 28 April 1992
- Joint Uniform Military Pay System (JUMPS) – Army, Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) from January 1990 through May 1991
- Orders 100-722, dated 9 April 1992 (Reassignment)
- Two DD Forms 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States)
- Five Certificates
- Extract, DA Form 669 (Army Continuing Education System Record)
- DA Form 2-1
- Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) Decision Letter, dated 23 June 2000

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 the Board to correct his military personnel records so they more accurately reflect his service. In particular, he would like his DD Form 214 to show he deployed to Saudi Arabia, from 9 December 1990 to 16 May 1991, in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm, and to have the medals/awards/decorations associated with that deployment.

3. The applicant provides documents from his service records and LES covering the period from January 1990 to May 1991:

a. DA Form 2-1.

(1) Item 5 (Oversea Service). Normal Tour completions in Germany, from 31 January 1985 to 11 October 1986, and from 12 November 1987 to 6 November 1990.

(2) Item 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns):

- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Achievement Medal (4th Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award)
- Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Professional Development Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal

(3) Item 35.

- 27 October 1986, assigned to Company A, 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, Fort Stewart, GA
- 8 October 1987, enroute to Germany
- 13 November 1987, assigned to 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
- 6 November 1990, enroute to the continental United States
- 9 December 1990, assigned to the Adjutant General Replacement Detachment, Fort Benning, GA (now renamed Fort Moore)
- 12 December 1990, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment

b. LES.

- December 1990 – no entries indicating a deployment
- January through April 1991 – applicant paid "Danger Pay;" the April 1991 LES includes an entry stating, "(19)910331 STOP DANGER PAY"
- May 1991 – no "Danger Pay" entries

4. The National Personnel Records Center shows the applicant's service records are unavailable for review; however, the applicant has provided documents that provide sufficient information for the Board to address his requests.

a. On 18 September 1984, the applicant enlisted into the Regular Army. Upon completion of initial entry training and the award of military occupational specialty 19K (M-1 Abrams Armor Crewman), orders assigned him to the 2nd Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment in Germany; he arrived, on 4 February 1985.

b. On or about 11 October 1986, orders reassigned the applicant to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment at Fort Stewart, and he arrived on 27 October 1986. On 29 April 1987, he immediately reenlisted for 5 years. On 8 October 1987, orders transferred the applicant to Germany, and he arrived at the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment on 13 November 1987.

c. On 6 November 1990, orders reassigned the applicant to Fort Benning, and his DA Form 2-1 indicates he arrived on 9 December 1990; he was further assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, on 12 December 1990. On 28 April 1992, the Army honorably released him from active duty, based on the expiration of his term of service, and transferred him to the U.S. Army Reserve. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 7 years, 7 months, and 11 days of active service, with 4 years, 8 months, and 6 days served overseas. It also shows in:

(1) Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Achievement Medal (4th Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award)
- National Defense Service Medal
- NCO Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Two marksmanship qualification badges
- Army Lapel Button

(2) Item 18 (Remarks): no entries showing a deployment to Southwest Asia.

5. The Defense Manpower Data Center compiled a database showing Soldiers who either deployed and/or were scheduled to deploy in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm; this roster lists the applicant as deploying on 1 September 1990 and redeploying on 30 April 1991.

6. The ABCMR has an interest in maintaining the accuracy of its records; for historical purposes, the data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances as they existed at the time of the records' creation.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation, the Board made the following findings and recommendations related to the requested relief:

- Correction of DA Form 2-1: DENY, based upon the information reflected on a DA Form 2-1 only being used to manage currently serving military personnel and the applicant being separated from military service in 1992.
- Annotation of deployment to Saudi Arabia/Southwest Asia: GRANT, based upon the information received from DFAS confirming the applicant served in SWA from 1 September 1990 and redeploying on 30 April 1991
- Add awards and decorations: GRANT, based upon the record indicating the applicant served during qualifying periods of service, the Board recommended adding the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze service stars, the Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia, the Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kuwait

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	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's DD Form 214 by:

- (block 13) adding the Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze service stars, the Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia, the Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kuwait
- (block 18) adding the statement: "SERVICE IN Southwest Asia 19900901 – 19910430


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 amending the applicant's DA Form 2-1.

3. Prior to closing the case, the Board also noted the administrative note below from the analyst of record and recommended that change also be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

1/7/2025

X 

---

CHAIRPERSON  


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):

A review of the applicant's service records shows he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 28 April 1992, by deleting the Overseas Service Ribbon and adding the Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral 2.

REFERENCES:

1. AR 635-5, in effect at the time, prescribed policies and procedures for the completion of the DD Form 214.

a. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) was to show all awards.

b. Effective 30 September 2000, the Army issued a revision to AR 635-5 that added the requirement to show deployments in item 18 (Remarks); DD Form 214 preparers were to add the following statement: "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD – YYYYMMDD)."

2. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards), currently in effect, states:

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace there over, on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. Approved designated campaigns are:

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

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 17 January 1991 and 28 February 1991.

c. The Kuwait Liberation Medal – Government of Kuwait is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//