

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 14 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013476

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show foreign service credit for her combat deployments.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Orders 3DSFG 03-044, 3d Special Force Group (Airborne) (3d SFG), 10 March 2002 with enclosure
- Memorandum, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force (CJSOTF), dated 3 June 2002, (Shoulder Sleeve Insignia for Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS)) with enclosure
- Orders 3DSFG 03-042, 3d SFG, dated 21 March 2003 with enclosure
- Orders 3DSFG 03-042a, 3d SFG, dated 8 May 2003
- Joint Service Achievement Medal Citation, Operation Enduring Freedom from 22 March 2003 to 15 July 2003
- Permanent Orders (PO) 209-030, Headquarters (HQ), CJTF-180, dated 28 July 2003
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 25 July 2004

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 she deployed three times but her DD Form 214 only shows two deployments.
3. The applicant provides:
  - a. Orders 3DSFG 03-044, with an attached list containing her name, dated 10 March 2002, issued from HQ, 3d SFG (Airborne); temporarily reassigning her to

Kandahar, Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) for 179 days, with a possible extension to 364 days, and a proceed date of 11 March 2002.

b. An SSI-FWTS reference list issued by CJSOTF, dated 3 June 2002, showing she was authorized Special Forces Shoulder Sleeve Insignia for wartime service in Afghanistan.

c. Orders 3DSFG -03042, with an attached list containing her name, dated 21 March 2003, issued from HQ, 3d SFG (Airborne), temporarily reassigning her in support of OEF in Afghanistan, for 179 days with a possible extension to 364 days, and a proceed date of 30 March 2003. The attached name list shows a date of 24 March 2003.

d. Orders 3DSFG-042a, dated 8 May 2003, issued from HQ, 3d SFG (Airborne), temporarily reassigning her in support of OEF in Afghanistan, for 179 days with a possible extension to 364 days, and a proceed date of 30 March 2003. Variations to Germany, Egypt, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Pakistan, Oman, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Djibouti, were authorized.

e. A Citation for the Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM) for meritorious achievement while assigned to CJSOTF, Afghanistan, in support of OEF during the period 22 March 2003 to 15 July 2003.

f. PO 209-030, issued by HQ, CTF-180, dated 28 July 2003, awarding her the JSAM for the period 25 March 2003 to 15 July 2003 while assigned to the Combined/Joint Special Operations Task Force, Bagram, Afghanistan.

3. A review of the applicant's service records show:

a. On 26 July 2000, she enlisted in the Regular Army.

b. On 24 April 2002, she was awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) for meritorious service at the perimeter of CJSOTF-AFG (Afghanistan), from 9 March 2002 to 27 March 2002, while assigned to 3DSFG (Airborne).

c. On 14 July 2004, she was awarded the ARCOM while assigned to HHC, 3d SFG (Airborne), for the period 5 June 2001 to 25 July 2004.

d. Her DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II), shows no entries in item 5 (Oversea Service).

e. On 25 July 2004, she was honorably released from active duty and transferred to control of the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement). Her DD Form 214 shows in:

(1) Block 12f (Foreign Service) – 10 months and 14 days.

(2) Block 18 (Remarks) – in part, "SERVICE IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFGHANISTAN) FROM 20020311 TO 20020930 [6 months and 20 days] AND FROM 20030322 to 20030715 [3 months and 25 days]." These two deployments total 10 months and 14 days.

4. On 14 May 2024, Defense Finance and Accounting Service provided the Army Review Boards Agency a report of the applicant's pay records showing her deployment pay periods in Afghanistan from its Master Military Pay Account record. It shows the applicant was paid Hazardous Duty/Imminent Danger Pay for the periods:

- 020311 to 020930 (11 March 2002 to 30 September 2002)
- 030327 to 030715 (27 March 2003 to 15 July 2003)
- 040115 to 040205 (15 January 2004 to 5 February 2004), 21 days

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicants petition and available military records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to grant full relief, including a summary from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) indicating the applicant served in Afghanistan on three different occasions from 11 March 2002 to 30 September 2002, 27 March 2003 to 15 July 2003, and from 15 January 2004 to 5 February 2004. However, the applicant's DD Form 214 only reflects two of the tours. Therefore, the Board determined relief was appropriate for the third tour to Afghanistan from 15 January 2004 to 5 February 2004.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant 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, for the period ending 25 July 2004 to show in:

- item 12f (Foreign Service): 0000 11 01
- item 18 (Remarks): SERVICE IN OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFGHANISTAN) FROM 20020311 TO 20020930 AND FROM 20030322 TO 20030715 AND FROM 20040115 TO 20040205

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CHAIRPERSON  
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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 635-8 (Separations Processing and Documents), currently in effect, provides for the preparation and distribution of the DD Form 214. Paragraph 5-6 provides detailed instructions for data required in each block of the DD Form 214.

a. Paragraph 5-6. Rules for completing the DD Form 214.

b. Paragraph 5-6l Block 12 (Record of Service). In Block 5-6l(f) (Foreign Service), enter the amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c (Net Active Service This Period) to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in Block 18.

c. Paragraph 5-6r Block 18 (Remarks). Use this block for HQDA mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available; as a continuation for entries in blocks 9, 11, 13, and 14; or for conditional entries.

d. Paragraph 5-6r(4)g. For active duty Soldiers, list any/all OCONUS deployments completed during the period of the DD Form 214 being created in statement 2: "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates)."

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