

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 July 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013645

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) –

- a. Item 11 (Primary Specialty) to show 76J (Medical Supplyman)
- b. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons awarded or authorized) to show additional awards:
  - Army Service Ribbon
  - National Defense Service Medal
- c. Item 14 (Military Education) to show:
  - Basic Combat Training, 9 weeks, February 1992
  - General Medical Orientation, 2 weeks, March 1992
  - Food Service Specialist Advanced Individual Training, 8 weeks, July 1992

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

- Army Review Boards Agency Case Tracking System Online Application, 12 September 2023
- ACTS signature page
- Food Service Specialist Course certificate
- General Medical Orientation Course certificate
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) 15 January 1993
- DA Form 2586 (Verification of Military Experience and Training), 1 November 2021
- Joint Services Transcript, 24 January 2022
- four pictures

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, in effect, he believes the errors on his DD Form 214 are due to him being in a medical holding unit at the time of his discharge.
3. In accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards), the Board will not consider the applicant's request for award of the National Defense Service Medal, as he served honorably and qualified for receipt of the award.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Army National Guard of the United States on 15 July 1991, for an 8-year period. He entered active duty for training on 26 November 1991.
5. After completion of basic combat training, Orders 17-24, issued by Headquarters U.S. Army Armor Center and Fort Knox on 17 January 1992, show he was released from the 4th Training Brigade, in Fort Knox and attached to the Academy of Health Sciences with an effective date of 15 February 1992.
6. A memorandum for record, from the 187th Medical Battalion, Center Brigade, U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, issued on 27 April 1992, shows the applicant failed to qualify for his military occupational specialty (MOS) training assignment. He was found to be trainable and a second MOS was recommended.
7. Orders 91-29, issued by Headquarters Fifth US Army and Fort Sam Houston, on 11 May 1992, show he was required to complete MOS training in 94B. Additional instructions showed, upon completion of MOS 94B he would return to the Academy of Health Sciences for enrollment in the 91M, Hospital Food Service Course.
8. The applicant's service record is void of the complete facts and circumstances surrounding his discharge processing. However, Orders 193-005, issued by Headquarters, US Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Jackson, SC, issued on 4 January 1993, shows he was reassigned to the US Army Separation Transition Point with a reporting date of 15 January 1993 and discharged from the Army National Guard on 15 January 1993. Additional instructions show he received a percentage of disability of 20 percent (%).
9. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows he was discharged on 15 January 1993, under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-40 (Personnel Separations – Physical Evaluation for Retention, Retirement, or Separation), paragraph 4-24a, by reason of Physical Disability with Severance Pay, in the grade of E-1. His characterization of service was

honorable with separation code of JFL and reentry code of 3. He was credited with 1 year, 1 month, and 20 days of net active service this period.

10. The applicant provides the following:

a. Certificate showing his award of MOS of 94B (Food Service Specialist) with a date of completion of 18 July 1992.

b. Certificate showing general medical orientation course with a date of completion of 20 March 1992.

c. Four pictures showing basic training Soldiers, individual basic training Soldier picture, advanced individual training Soldiers, and Soldier receiving award from Drill Sergeant.

d. His Joint Service Transcripts showing:

(1) Award and completion of the following courses:

- Basic Combat Training, from 6 December 1991 to 13 February 1992
- General Medical Orientation, from 2 March 1992 to 20 March 1992
- Food Service Specialist Advanced Individual Training, from 26 May 1992 to 28 July 1992

(2) Award of Primary Military Occupational Specialty of 76J (Medical Supplyman)

e. DA Form 2586, showing his military experience and training history data.

11. Regulatory guidance states that only MOS's held for a period of one year or more during a Soldier's continuous active military service and validated in the record will be entered in item 11 of the DD Form 214.

12. Any formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 will be entered in item 14.

13. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Army Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award upon successful completion of initial entry training. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an Active Army status on or after 1 August 1981.

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:

- Add 76J (Medical Supplyman) to DD Form 214: PARTIAL GRANT, based upon the lack of documentation (i.e. orders) showing he was awarded the 76J military occupational specialty (MOS) during the period of service of the DD Form 214; however, based upon the graduation certificate provided showing he was awarded the 94B MOS, the Board recommended adding that to the applicant's DD Form 214.
- Show additional awards: GRANT adding the Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal, based upon the provided graduation certificate from the Food Service Specialist Course.
- Add training to the DD Form 214: PARTIAL GRANT. Grant adding the Food Service Specialist Course; Deny adding Basic Combat Training, based upon the regulatory guidance stating BCT is not appropriate to reflect on a DD Form 214; Grant adding the General Medical Orientation Course, based upon the provided graduation certificate.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:	:	:	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 adding to the applicant's DD Form 214:

- (Item 11): delete current entry and replace with 94B, Food Service Specialist, 5 months
- (Item 13): add the Army Service Ribbon and the National Defense Service Medal
- (Item 14): add Food Service Specialist Course, 4 weeks, 1992; and add General Orientation Medical Course, 3 weeks, 1992.

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 all other requested relief not mentioned above.

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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.

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, stated to enter in:

a. Item 11 (Primary Specialty), enter the primary MOS, and all additional MOS served for a period of one year or more, during Soldier's continuous active military service. For each MOS list the title with the years and months served. Specialties must be validated on the Personnel Qualification Record (2A or 2-1).

b. Item 14 (Military Education), list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period so service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The regulation states: The Army Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award upon successful completion of initial entry training. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided they had an Active Army status on or after 1 August 1981.

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