

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 24 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013861

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 18 August 1991, to show in:

- item 12f, foreign service credit for Saudi Arabia and Kuwait
- item 13 Decorations. Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) awards for Desert Storm Operation in Saudi Arabia
- item 14 (Military Education) Airborne Course and Air Assault Course

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Airborne Course Completion Certificate
- Memorandum for Record – Award of Parachutist Badge dated 1 May 2020
- Two DA Forms 67-8 (U.S. Army Officer Evaluation Report)
- Photocopy of APO Zip Codes Information sheet

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 after returning to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, from Saudia Arabia and Kuwait she never received and out brief. Her records were not updated, and she was placed on leave and transitioned out of the service in June 1990. She has been told that there is nothing in her DD Form 214 that shows that she was in Saudia Arabia.
3. A review of the applicant's enlisted service record shows:
 - a. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 15 October 1981.

b. Her (enlisted) DD Form 214 shows she was honorably discharged on 15 October 1987 to accept a commission. She completed 6 years and 1 day of net active service. She was awarded or authorized:

- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2d award)
- Army Achievement Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon

4. A review of the applicant's commissioned officer service record shows:

a. She was appointed as a Reserve commissioned officer and executed an oath of office on 16 October 1987, with continued service on active duty.

b. Her DA Form 2B (Personnel Qualification Record) prepared 14 December 1989, show in Section II (Qualification Data) under number 6 her primary skill identifier with additional skills identifiers as 92A5P. In accordance with DA Pam 611-21, the "5P" special qualification identifier code indicates she was Parachutist/Airborne qualified.

c. The applicant's Officer Evaluation Report for the rating period 19 March 1988 through 18 March 1989, shows her Rater stated in Part V of her DA Form 67-8, that she "completed the demanding Air Assault School during this rating period".

d. She provides an Airborne Course completion certificate/diploma dated 15 March 1988. She also provides a Memorandum for Record from the Chief of the Training and Student Branch at Fort Benning, GA, that states she attended the Airborne Class 24-88 from 25 March 1988 to 15 April 1988, as verified by the Army Training Requirements and Resources System (ATRRS) and was awarded the Parachutist Badge.

e. She also provides a photocopy of a reference list of APO zip codes for information; also on the list is a handwritten note that says, "Saudi Arabia September 6, 1990, to May 1991".

f. She further provides two DA Forms 67-8, the first evaluation for the period 2 December 1990 through 17 March 1991 is undated and shows the unit of assignment's zip code as an Army Post Office (APO) number. The second evaluation signed by the applicant on 11 January 1991, shows the unit's zip code as Fort Campbell, KY and highlights her duties and accomplishments to the unit prior to the unit's deployment to Operation Desert Shield.

g. Her (officer) DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 August 1991, shows she was honorably released from active duty for completion of her required active service, and she completed 3 years, 10 months, and 3 days of net active service. It also shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) 3 years and 3 months
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) she was awarded or authorized:
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Army Good Conduct Medal (2d award)
 - Army Achievement Medal (2d oak leaf cluster)
 - Overseas Service Ribbon
 - Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
 - National Defense Service Medal
- Block 14 (Military Education) lists the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course and Junior Officer Maintenance Course
- Block 18 (Remarks) does not list her deployment to Southwest Asia

5. The applicant's name is listed on the Persian Gulf War roster with service from 1 October 1990 to 2 May 1991; the Persian Gulf War roster is a compilation of most of those who were deployed to Southwest Asia.

6. On 22 August 2024, a member of the Defense Finance Accounting Services staff provided email verification to confirm the applicant was deployed and received danger pay from 1 October 1990 to 31 May 1991.

7. By regulation (AR 635-8), the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty.

- Block 12f, enter total amount of foreign service performed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- Block 13, enter all awards and decorations
- Block 14 (Military Education), list all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration
- Block 18 (Remarks), for Soldiers who deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter a statement "Service in (name of country deployed) from (inclusive dates)

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. The Board determined the evidence of record was sufficient to render a fair and equitable decision. As a result, a personal appearance hearing is not necessary to serve the interest of equity and justice in this case.

2. 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 request, supporting documents, evidence in the records, and published DoD guidance for liberal consideration of discharge upgrade requests.

a. Service in Southwest Asia: Grant. The applicant's OERs confirm the applicant served in Southwest Asia. Additionally, her name is listed on Persian Gulf War roster with service from 1 October 1990 to 2 May 1991 and DFAS confirmed her receipt of hostile fire/danger pay from 1 October 1990 to 31 May 1991 (at the time, danger pay was paid for the entire month regardless of what date a Soldier deployed). Therefore, the Board determined her DD Form 214 should list this deployment (1 October 1990 to 2 May 1991

b. Awards: Grant. Based on her deployment to Southwest Asia from 1 October 1990 to 2 May 1991, the Board determined she qualifies for awards of the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (K) and Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA)

c. Airborne Training and Badge: Grant. The evidence also shows the applicant completed the 3-week Basic Parachutist Course in 1988. The Board determined her DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect this training course and associated badge.

d. Air Assault Badge: Deny. Although the applicant's OER mentions completion of the Air Assault Badge, the Board determined in the absence of a diploma, certificate of training, or order, the entry on the OER is insufficient by itself to sff this course or associated badge to her DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : 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 amending her DD Form 214 ending on 18 August 1991 as follows:

- Block 13, add: Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (K), Kuwait Liberation Medal (SA), Airborne Badge
- Block 14, add: Basic Airborne Course, 3 weeks, 1988
- Block 18, add: Service in Southwest Asia from 1 October 1990 to 2 May 1991

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 completion of the Air Assault Course and resultant badge.

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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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The basic Parachutist Badge requires that an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump.

b. The Air Assault Badge requires satisfactory completion of an air assault training course according to the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command standardized Air Assault Core Program of Instruction, or completion of the standard Air Assault Course while assigned or attached to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) after 1 April 1974.

c. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KLM-SA) was approved on 3 January 1992 and 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.

d. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Kuwait (KLM-K) was approved on 9 November 1995 and 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.

e. 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.

3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separations Processing and Documents) DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation in:

- block 12f (Foreign Service) will show the total amount of foreign service performed during the period covered by block 12c (Net Active Service This Period).

- block 14 (Military Education), list all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration. Acceptable source documents include the enlisted record brief, DA Form 4037 (Officer Record Brief), DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report), or other military issued certificate of completion with from and through dates or number of weeks.
- block 18 (Remarks), for Soldiers who deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter a statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

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