

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 26 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230014576

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to add the:

- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Combat Parachutist Badge [in effect the Parachutist badge with one bronze service star to denote participation in a combat parachute jump]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Letter from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), 8 March 2017
- Department of Veterans (VA) Rating Decision, 3 May 2021

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 he is making this request as a means of obtaining verification/justification of and for the stressors related to his service-connected conditions.
3. A review of the applicant's service records shows he is entitled to additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, these will be administratively corrected without Board action. Additionally, the applicant's DD Form 214 shows award of the

Army Service Ribbon and marksmanship badge; therefore, the Board will consider award of the Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and bronze service star for his Parachutist Badge.

4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army (RA) on 16 September 1987, and he held military occupational specialty (MOS) 11B1P ((Infantryman) with the special skill identifier of "P" for parachutist.

5. The applicant's record is void of orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge or documentation in support of a combat jump.

6. On 15 September 1991, he was honorably released due to expiration term of service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 4 years of active service. This DD Form 214 also shows in:

a. Item 12f (Foreign Service), "00 07 13"

b. item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Service Lapel Button
- National Defense Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-16)
- Parachutist Badge [Basic]
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Panama)

c. Item 18 (Remarks) - Service in Southwest Asia (SWA) "900821-910403."

7. The applicant provides:

a. A letter from NPRC, dated 8 March 2017, showing the applicant was issued the following awards: Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantryman Badge (1st Award), Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait, Sharpshooter [Marksmanship Qualification] Badge with Rifle Bar, Army [Service] Lapel Button, and Parachutist Badge (Basic).

b. Department of Veterans Affairs Rating Decision showing he has a combined evaluation of 30 percent.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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. The evidence of record shows the applicant held military occupational specialty (MOS) 11B (Infantryman) and served on active duty between 16 September 1987 and 15 September 1991, including service in Southwest Asia from 21 August 1990 to 3 April 1991. However, the Board determined the applicant did not meet the criteria for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge, specifically no evidence to support he served in active ground combat while assigned or attached to an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size.
2. Upon review of the applicant's record and pertaining to the applicant's request for award of the Army Achievement Medal, the Board found no evidence to support the applicant was recommended for the award or orders that he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal. Based on this, the Board denied relief.
3. Upon review of the applicant's record and pertaining to the applicant's request for award of the Parachutist badge with one bronze service star to denote participation in a combat parachute jump, the Board found no evidence to support the applicant participated in a combat jump. The Board noted the applicant held a "P" identifier and was awarded the Parachute Badge, indicative of completing the airborne training.
4. Prior to closing the discussion, the Board noted and concurred with the analyst of record's administrative notes below.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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 records shows the applicant is entitled to additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 by adding:

- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

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 Army Achievement Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, who while serving in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

b. There are basically three requirements for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The Soldier must be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties, he must be assigned to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat, and he must actively participate in such ground combat.

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-KU) was approved on 9 November 1995 and was 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. A bronze service star is authorized to be worn on the Parachutist Badge to denote a Soldier's participation in a combat parachute jump and orders are required to confirm award of these badges. Credit for a combat parachute jump is related directly to credit for a combat assault landing for the unit to which the Soldier is assigned at the time of the assault. The unit must be credited with a combat assault in order for the Soldier to receive the Parachutist Badge with the bronze service star affixed and each Soldier must physically exit the aircraft to receive combat assault credit and the Parachutist Badge with bronze service star.

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