

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 14 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230015223

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 28 June 2023, to show completion of the Airborne Course in Block 14 (Military Education).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Airborne Course Completion Certificate
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he did not realize his airborne qualification was not listed in block 14 (Military Education) of his record until after discharge.
2. The applicant provides a an Airborne Course Diploma which states he completed the course on 12 February 2021.
3. The applicant states he is requesting his airborne qualification be listed on Block 14 of his DD Form 241. He did not realize it was not listed until after his discharge.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. Having had prior service in the [REDACTED] Army National Guard ([REDACTED] ARNG), he was appointed as a Regular Army commissioned officer executed an oath of office on 22 November 2017.
 - b. His Officer Record Brief dated 27 November 2022, shows in Section VI (Military Education) the following courses:
 - Air Assault Course, 2018
 - Infantry Mortar Leader Course, 2016
 - Ranger Course, 2016

- Infantry Officer Basic Course, 2016

c. He was honorably released on 28 June 2023. His DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows he completed 5 years, 7 months, and 7 days of active service. He was assigned separation code SEJ and the narrative reason for separation listed as "Disability, Permanent." Block 14 (Military Education) does not list the Airborne Course. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Expert Infantryman Badge
- Ranger Tab
- Air Assault Badge

d. The available service record is void of supporting documentation indicating the completion of the Airborne Course or the awarding of the Parachutist Badge.

5. By regulation 600-8-22, states award of 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.

6. By regulation (AR 635-8), the 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. 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.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Award of the Basic Parachutist Badge requires that an individual must have satisfactorily completed the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump. The applicant provides an Airborne Course Diploma which states he completed the course on 12 February 2021. The Board accepted this certificate as evidence of completion the Basic Parachutist Course.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant DD Form 214 as follows:

- Block 13: Add parachutist Badge
- Block 14: Add Basic Airborne Course, 3 weeks, 2021

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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. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states award of 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.
2. 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. 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.

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