

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230015257

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 30 August 2023, to show his deployments to Qatar from 29 September to 6 December 2021 and Qatar/Jordan from 24 February to 6 May 2023.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Orders 264-01, Headquarters, 75th Ranger Regiment, 21 September 2021
- Orders 045-003, Department of Defense, 14 February 2023
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, it is appropriate that the full extent of his service is captured on his DD Form 214. The deployments were an important part of his time in the Army and it is proper that they are reflected on his discharge document. The attached documents show he was ordered to deploy. The stamps show the dates he arrived and departed.

2. The applicant entered active duty in the Regular Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corps on 21 January 2019.

3. On 30 August 2023, he was honorably discharged for general/miscellaneous reasons. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows in:

- Block 12a, Foreign Service) zero foreign service.
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award), National Defense Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Ranger Tab Parachutist Badge
- Block 18 (Remarks) no listings of any deployments.

4. The applicant provides:

a. Orders: 264-01, Headquarters, 75th Ranger Regiment, 21 September 2021, which shows he was to deploy in a temporary change of station (TCS) status to Qatar proceeding on 28 September 2021 and returning on 2 December 2021. The form contains stamps from Al Udeid Air Base (AUAB PERSCO) which indicates he in processed on 29 September 2021 and departed the Air Base on 6 December 2021.

b. Orders: 045-003, Department of Defense, 14 February 2023, which shows he was to deploy in a TCS status to Qatar and Jordan in support of Operation Enduring Sentinel. He was to proceed on 21 February 2023 with a return date to be determined. The form contains stamps which show AUAB PERSCO noted he immigrated on 24 February 2023, emigrated on 18 April 2023, and out-processed from AUAB PERSCO on 18 April 2023. He further immigrated on 1 May 2023 and out-processed from AUAB PERSCO on 6 May 2023.

6. During the processing of this case, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) reviewed his Master Military Pay Account.

a. DFAS verified his deployed service in Qatar from 30 September to 7 December 2021 (a period of 2 months and 8 days).

b. Note: DFAS only verifies receipt of hostile fire/imminent danger pay. DFAS does not verify inclusive dates of deployed service or deployment locations beyond the first qualifying country (e.g., Kuwait versus Iraq). DFAS pay records are not considered "source documents," but may be considered as supporting documents leading to a preponderance of the evidence. A second source document is required.

7. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation and Processing and Documents), establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. Chapter 5 contains guidance on the preparation of the DD Form 214, to include entering awards, training, foreign service, and remarks pertaining to deployment locations and dates.

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. The applicant provides TCS orders deploying him to Qatar. The orders are stamped from Al Udeid Air Base indicating he in processed on 29 September 2021 and departed the Air Base on 6 December 2021. He also provides TCS orders deploying him to Qatar and Jordan. The orders are stamped with the entries "immigrated on 24 February 2023, emigrated on 18 April 2023, and out-processed on 18 April 2023. He further immigrated

on 1 May 2023 and out-processed on 6 May 2023.” DFAS verified the applicant served in Qatar from 30 September to 7 December 2021 (a period of 2 months and 8 days). The Board determined there is sufficient evidence to show the applicant served in Qatar from 29 September to 6 December 2021 (2 months and 8 days) and in Qatar/Jordan from 24 February to 6 May 2023 (2 months and 13 days).

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, 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 his DD Form 214 ending on 30 August 2023 as follows:

- Block 12f, add 0000-04-212 foreign service
- Block 18, add Service in Qatar from 29 September to 6 December 2021 and Service in Qatar/Jordan from 24 February to 6 May 2023.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S): correct his DD Form 214 ending 30 August 2023 by adding the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal to block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized).

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have participated in Global War on Terrorism operations outside of the areas of eligibility designated for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, or Iraq Campaign Medal. All Soldiers on active duty, including Reserve Component Soldiers mobilized or National Guard Soldiers activated, on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined having served 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days are authorized the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal may be awarded posthumously. Only one award of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal may be authorized to any individual; second and subsequent awards will not be awarded.

2. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation and Processing and Documents), establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. Chapter 5 contains guidance on the preparation of the DD Form 214. It states for:

- block 12f (Foreign Service) enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- block 18 for an active duty Soldier deployed with their unit during their continuous period of active service, the statement "Service in (Name of Country Deployed) From YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD)"

3. Army Regulation 15-185 prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//