

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230015271

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show he completed:

- Military Training, completed in June 1993, course: 260-31F10 (CT)
- Electronic Switching System Operator course, completed in 1997
- Recruiting Advanced Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Phase II US Army Recruiting Station Commander course: 5-79-C42 (REC)

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 authorized additional military education not listed on his DD Form 214. He served faithfully for 20 years and requests that the correction is made because it is the right thing to do, regardless of when the error is discovered. He requests the following courses are added to his record:
 - Military Training, completed in June 1993, course: 260-31F10 (CT)
 - Electronic Switching System Operator course, completed in 1997
 - Recruiting Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Phase II US Army Recruiting Station Commander course: 5-79-C42 (REC)
3. The applicant is authorized correction to his DD Form 214 as follows:
 - Mean Squared Error (MSE), Network Switching Systems Operator 260-31f10, for the length of 12 weeks, completed in 1993

- Recruiting Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Phase II US Army Recruiting Station Commander Course: 5-79-C42 (REC) (Recruiting Advanced Noncommissioned Officers' Course (ANCOC)), completed in 1997
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with the Numeral 3.

These courses and award will be administratively corrected in the “Administrative Notes” section of this document without Board action and will not be discussed further in these proceedings.

4. The applicant’s service record shows:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 September 1980, followed by multiple reenlistments.

b. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:

- item 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools): training entries stop after 1996, as this block is filled. Does not reflect the Electronic Switching System Operator Military Training, completed in 1997
- item 35 (Current and Previous Assignments): from 1 September 1997 to 2 March 1998, he was assigned to the United States Army Recruiting Battalion, Columbia, with duty at Union, South Carolina

c. His DD Form 214 shows he honorably retired from active duty on 30 November 2000. He completed 20 years, 27 days of active service. It also shows in:

(1) Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) lists, among his awards, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with the Numeral 2

(2) item 14 (Military Education), does not reflect the Electronic Switching System Operator Military Training, completed in 1997.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The Board did not find a diploma, certificate of training, or entry on a personnel qualification record that shows the applicant completed the Electronic Switching System Operator Military Training, completed in 1997.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, 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.

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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):

A review of the applicant's records shows he is authorized an additional award and military education not listed on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 by amending the following:

- a. item 13 (Awards): to show he was awarded the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with the Numeral 3.

b. item 14 (Military Education): to show he completed the following courses:

- Battalion Training Management System Trainer's Workshop, one week, 1984
- Small Group Instructor Training Course, one week, 1991
- Self-Development Training Course, two weeks, 1992
- Mean Squared Error (MSE), Network Switching Systems Operator 260-31f10, 12 weeks, 1993
- MSE Node Center/Large Extension node Switching Operator (160-ASIV4 (CT)), three weeks, 1993
- Station Commander Course, four weeks, 1996
- Recruiting Advanced Noncommissioned Officers' Course (ANCOC), seven weeks, 1997

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), prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). Military Education from ERB/DA Form 2-1, list formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214. (As an exception to full-time attendance, list Command and General Staff College and Senior Service Colleges completed by correspondence courses.) Include title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the soldier in job placement and counseling.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon. The NCOPDR was established by the SECARMY on 10 April 1981 as announced in DAGO 1990-15. It is awarded to members of Active Army, ARNG, and USAR Soldiers for successful completion of designated NCO professional development courses. Soldiers must successfully complete one or more of the courses listed in AR 350-1, chapter 3, which are further described on the Army Training Requirements and Resources System. Once a Servicemember has been awarded the NCOPDR upon graduation from the Primary

Leadership Development Course, subsequent appropriate numerals will be awarded to identify completion of higher level NCO Education System.

4. Army Regulation 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. 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.

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