

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 16 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240000598

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for his service in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

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 based on his previous time served in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Operation Able Sentry, he should be awarded the AFEM for addition to his service record. The award is warranted based on the deployment he experienced under United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR), while serving in conjunction with the United Nations (UN).
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 4 August 1992.
 - b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in Block 5 (Overseas Service) he served in Germany from 16 December 1992 through 23 November 1994.
 - c. His DA Form 2-1 also shows in Block 9 (Awards and Decorations):
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Overseas Service Ribbon
 - Joint Meritorious Unit Award
 - United Nations Medal

- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar

d. He was honorably released from active duty on 9 April 1996. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years, 8 months, and 6 days of total active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- United Nations Medal
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar

4. By regulation (AR 600-8-22), the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in military operations within a specific geographic area during a specified time period. An individual, who was not engaged in actual combat or equally hazardous activity, must have been a bona fide member of a unit participating in, or be engaged in the direct support of, the operation for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involved entering the area of operations. Qualifying service for this award includes United States operations in direct support of the United Nations (UN).

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 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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service in the Republic of Yugoslavia from 6 January 1994 to 23 June 1994 as evidenced by his United Nations Protection Force Certificate. Based on this, the Board granted relief to award the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214, for the period ending 9 April 1996 to show award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

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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 the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in military operations within a specific geographic area during a specified time period. An individual, who was not engaged in actual combat or equally hazardous activity, must have been a bona fide member of a unit participating in, or be engaged in the direct support of, the operation for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involved entering the area of operations. Qualifying service for this award includes United States operations in direct support of the United Nations (UN).

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