

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001405

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

- award of the Combat Action Badge;
- III Corps Phantom First Responder Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants with Combat Lifesaver Skills in block 14 (Military Education); and
- an additional 6 years honorable service

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

- DD Form 293 (Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States)
- Certificate of Training, 3-6 May 2018, III Corps, Fort Hood, TX
- DD Form 214
- Permanent Orders 206-023, Headquarters, Combined/Joint Task Force 76, 25 July 2006
- Orders 21-261-00006, Headquarters, 63rd Readiness Division (U.S. Army Reserve (USAR)), 18 September 2021

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in effect, his orders reflect an additional 6 years of honorable service.
2. The applicant enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG) on 19 March 1999. He entered active duty for training from 7 September 1999 to 27 January 2000 (4 months and 21 days) and completed training for award of military occupational specialty 19D (Cavalry Scout).
3. He again entered active duty from 9 March to 1 June 2002, completing 2 months and 23 days of active service, for a total of 7 months and 14 days total prior active service.
4. On 7 March 2005, he was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He served in Afghanistan from 7 May 2005 to 7 May 2006.

5. On 11 May 2006, he was honorably released from active duty upon the completion of his required active service and transferred to the control of his ARNG unit. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows in:

- block 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) 2005 03 07
- block 12b 2006 06 11
- block 12c (Net Active Service This Period) 0001 03 05
- block 12d (Total Prior Active Service) 0000 07 14
- block 12e (Total Prior Inactive Service) 0005 04 04
- block 12f (Foreign Service): 0000 06 04
- block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device
- block 14 (Military Education): None; and
- block 18: Service in Afghanistan: 20050507-20060507

6. On 9 September 2006, he was honorably discharged from the ARNG upon the expiration of his term of service.

7. On 2 November 2015, the applicant enlisted in the USAR for a period of 6 years.

8. His Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) contains DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) which shows he performed active duty service from 11 January to 16 January 2019 (2 weeks). His OMPF does not contain evidence he performed additional active duty service prior to his discharge on 1 November 2021, which would require creation of an additional DD Form 214.

9. The applicant provides a/an:

a. Certificate of Training certifying the applicant successfully completed the 40-hour, III Corps Phantom First Responder Tactical Combat Casualty Care All Combatants with Combat Lifesaver Skills Course from 3-6 May 2018.

b. Orders 21-261-00006, Headquarters, 63rd Readiness Division (USAR), 18 September 2021, which honorably discharged him from the USAR effective 1 November 2021.

10. The DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The applicant served on active duty from 7 March 2005 to 11 June 2006. The is the only DD Form 214 available in his records:

a. Combat Action Badge: Grant. Permanent orders awarded him the Combat Action Badge for being engaged by the enemy with indirect fire on 22 November 2005. Therefore, this badge should be added to his DD Form 214.

b. Combat Lifesaver Course: Deny. The applicant completed the 3-week course in May 2018. There is no provision to list this training course to his previously issued DD Form 214 ending on 22 November 2005. The DD Form 214 reflects the information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

c. An additional 6 years of honorable service: Deny. The applicant's DD Form 214 ending on 22 November 2005 reflects the applicant's 7 months and 14 days total prior active service. There is no evidence in the record and the applicant does not provide evidence he completed 6 years of active service.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT FULL RELIEF

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: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : : DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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 adding the Combat Action Badge to his DD Form 214

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to award Combat Lifesaver Course and an additional 6 years of service.

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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): The following orders and regulatory cites are sufficient to make the following administrative corrections to the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 11 June 2006 without action by the Board:

- add 1 bronze service star to his already awarded Afghanistan Campaign Medal (AR 600-8-22, Table B-1)
- add the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, AR 600-8-22, para 2-21

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) provides detailed instructions for completing separation documents, including the DD Form 214. It provides that the DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It also establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The regulation instructs for block 12 (Record of Service):

a. Block 12a: Date Entered Active Duty This Period. Data sources are enlistment contract(s), initial order to active duty, active duty order, previously issued DD Forms 214, DA Form 1506 (Statement of Service – For Computation of Length of Service for Pay Purposes), and a complete review of the Soldier's official record. Enter the beginning date of the continuous period of active duty for issuance of this DD Form 214, for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued. Do not depend on basic active service date for this data item. The basic active service date can be an adjusted date.

b. Block 12b: Separation Date This Period. List the Soldier's transition date. This date may not be the contractual date if the Soldier was separated early, voluntarily extends, is extended to make up lost time, or is retained on active duty for the convenience of the Government.

c. Block 12c: Net Active Service This Period. Amount of service this period, computed by subtracting block 12a from 12b. Lost time under 10 USC 972 and noncreditable time after expiration term of service, if any, are deducted. Lost time will be listed in block 29 (Dates of Time Lost During This Period); other noncreditable time will be identified in block 18. If Soldier was released from active duty because of voided enlistment, enter "00 00 00."

d. Block 12d: Total Prior Active Service. From previously issued DD Form 214, DD Form 220, DA Form 1506, or Retirement Point Annual Statement, enter total amount of prior active military service less lost time, if any. If not applicable, enter "00 00 00."

e. Block 12e: Total Prior Inactive Service. From previously issued DD Form 214, Retirement Point Annual Statement, DA Form 1506, or Servicemember's record brief, enter the total amount of prior inactive service, less lost time, if any. Inactive Service should be annotated in block 12e and block 18 as prior inactive service entered in format "0000 00 00."

f. Block 12f: Foreign Service. Enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18.

g. 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. Include course title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the Soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills.

2. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards and states:

a. The Afghanistan Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land area. The period of eligibility is on or after 11 September 2001 to 31 December 2014, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel from 15 January 2015 to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense or the cessation of Operation Enduring Freedom. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. Approved designated Afghanistan campaign: Consolidation I (1 December 2001 to 30 September 2006).

b. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who 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 on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined having served 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days are authorized the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

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.

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