

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002109

APPLICANT REQUESTS: Reconsideration of his previous request for correction of block 14 (Military Education) on his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the HAZWOPER, Basic Fire Fighter course and the Basic Responder course (identified in the previous case as Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report (NCOER) for the rated period ending December 2002
- DD Form 214, ending 29 February 2004

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20120011142 on 7 February 2013.

2. The applicant states his NCOER shows he completed the HAZWOPER, Basic Fire Fighter and Basic Responder Courses. Proof of this training will help him in his career field.

3. The applicant enlisted in the regular Army on 23 July 1997 and he held military occupational specialty 74D (Chemical Operations Specialist). The highest rank/grade he attained was sergeant (SGT)/E-5.

4. He provides a Change of Rater, NCOER, for the rated period August through December 2002. His unit is listed as the U.S. Army Forces, Central Command-QATAR. This rating shows he completed the HAZWOPER, Basic Fire Fighter and Basic Responder Courses. The dates of completion are not listed.

5. Neither Block 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools) of his DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record - Part II) nor Section VI (Military Education) of his Enlisted Record Brief list the HAZWOPER, Basic Fire Fighter Course nor the Basic Responder Course.

6. On 29 February 2004, he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 6 years, 7 months, and 8 days of active service. His DD Form 214 and subsequently issued DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) also shows in block 14:

- Chemical Specialist Course, 10 weeks, December 1997
- Nuclear, Chemical, and Biological Reconnaissance Course, 5 weeks, January 1998
- Hazardous Material II Drivers Training, Course (CFC), 1 week, June 1999
- Primary Leadership Development Course, 4 weeks, January 2001
- Hazardous Waste Safety for the General Site Worker Course, 1 week, September 2002
- Combat Life Saver Course, 1 week, July 1999
- NBC Defense Course, 2 weeks, October 1998

8. The ABCMR previously considered the applicant's request for correction of his DD Form 214 to show, in part, he completed the HAZWOPER, Basic Fire Fighter course and the Basic Responder course (courses identified as Fire Fighter 1 and Fire Fighter 2) in ABCMR Docket Number AR20120011142, dated 7 February 2013. The Board ultimately denied his request to add these courses because he did not provide nor did his record contain evidence, he completed these courses.

#### 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. In order to list training on a DD Form 214, the Board requires a certificate, diploma, or other evidence of training completion, of at least 40 hours or more, with date of completion. In the absence of such documentation, the Board determined there is insufficient evidence to list the requested training on the applicants DD Form 214. If the applicant has copies of his diplomas or certificates, he may resubmit his application to the Boar for reconsideration.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
■	■	■	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 to amend the decision of the ABCMR set forth in Docket Number AR20120011142 on 7 February 2013.

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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. 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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, provides that 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 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) requires the entry of formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214. Include 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.

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