

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002332

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

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)
- Combat Medical Badge (CMB)

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

- Two DD Form's 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Army Achievement Medal Certificate given on 19 June 1989
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 4 August 1989

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 served in Honduras in 1989 and was awarded the AFEM. He also served at the 108th Military Police Air Assault School and should be awarded the "Medic Badge."
3. The applicant provides an Army Achievement Medal Certificate for exceptional meritorious service from 8 July 1988 to 4 August 1989 while assigned to the 1008th Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, NC. His support was immeasurable assisting with the deployment to Honduras, as the Medical Technician for Fort Bragg's first Air Assault School.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 5 November 1985

b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in item 5 (Overseas Service) he served in Germany from 16 June 1986 to 14 June 1988.

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 4 August 1989. The DD Form 214 shows he served 3 years and 9 months of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Lapel Button
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge (M-16) Rifle
- Drivers Badge

5. His record does not contain orders awarding him the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or the Combat Medical Badge.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon reviewing the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined that the applicant does not meet the necessary criteria for awarding the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) and Combat Medical Badge (CMB).).

2. According to regulatory guidance, the applicant was assigned to the 1008th Military Police Company at Fort Bragg, NC, rather than a medical unit of company or smaller size that is organically attached to an infantry unit engaged in active ground combat. Therefore, the criteria for the CMB were not met. Additionally, Honduras is not listed among approved military operations for the AFEM, and thus, the applicant does not qualify for that award. Based on these findings, the Board denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	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 for correction of the records of the individual concerned.



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) prescribes Department of the Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal was established by EO 10977, dated 4 December 1961, as amended by EO 10977, 3 May 2000, and may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who after 1 July 1958:

(1) Participate, or have participated, as members of the U.S. military units in a U.S. military operation in which service members of any Military Department participate, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in significant numbers. Honduras is not listed among the approved military operations.

(2) Encounter during such participation foreign armed opposition, or are otherwise placed, or have been placed, in such position that, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hostile action by foreign armed forces were imminent even though it did not materialize. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal may be authorized for the following three categories of operations:

- U.S. military operations.
- U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations.
- U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations

b. The Combat Medical Badge is awarded to medical department personnel (colonel and below) who are assigned or attached to a medical unit of company or smaller size that is organic to an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size which is engaged in active ground combat. Battle participation credit is not sufficient; the infantry unit must have been in contact with the enemy and the Soldier must have been personally present and under fire during such ground combat.

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