

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 10 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002380

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 15 December 1999 to show award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal and all other decorations awarded to the 14th Transportation Battalion.

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 requesting award that were given to 14th Transportation Battalion following his discharge. He was deployed in Kosovo and believes he is missing the campaign medal. He believes additional medals may be missing that he is qualified for. He is proud of his service and does not want to be shorthanded.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 16 June 1997.
 - b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in:
 - (1) Item 5 (Oversea Service): 980112 – 000111; EURA-Italy
 - (2) Item 9 (Awards, Decorations & Campaigns): Army Service Ribbon
 - c. On 15 December 1999, he was released from active duty with an under honorable conditions (general) characterization of service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 5 months, and 27 days of active service. His DD Form 214 shows in item 18 (Remarks) that he had service in Bosnia from 19980113 to 19980424. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- NATO Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)

- d. His available service record does not reflect service in Kosovo.
4. A review of the applicant's service record confirms awards were omitted from his DD Form 214. The awards will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.
5. On 26 September 2024, a member of the Defense Finance and Accounting Services (DFAS) staff provided email verification which indicated the applicant's Master Military Pay Account did not include evidence of a deployment to Kosovo in 1998.
6. By regulation (AR 600-8-22), the Kosovo Campaign Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 24 March 1999, participated in or served in direct support of designated operations, including Operation Allied Force (24 March 1999 through 10 June 1999) area of eligibility (AOE). Service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the AOE or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation's AOE or meet one or more of several other, specified criteria.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is not warranted.
2. The Board found no evidence showing the applicant served in the area of eligibility for the Kosovo Campaign Medal and determined he is not authorized this medal.
3. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:Mbr 1 Mbr 2 Mbr 3

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Other than the corrections addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board determined 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 otherwise insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

4/1/2025

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S): A review of the applicant's records shows he is authorized additional awards not listed on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 December 1999. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to add:

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon

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 Kosovo Campaign Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 24 March 1999, participated in or served in direct support of designated operations, including Operation Allied Force (24 March 1999 through 10 June 1999) area of eligibility (AOE). Service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the AOE or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation's AOE or meet one or more of several other, specified criteria. One bronze service star will be worn for participation in each campaign (Kosovo Air Campaign and Kosovo Defense Campaign).

b. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in military operations within specific geographic areas during specified time periods. 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.

3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation and Processing Documents), currently in effect, states 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 duty 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.

a. Item 12f (Foreign Service) will show the total amount of foreign service performed during the period covered by block 12c (Net Active Service This Period).

b. Item 18 (Remarks), for Soldiers who deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter a statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

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