

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 24 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002479

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Women's Army Corps Service Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty)

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 she is requesting award of the Women's Army Corps Service Medal based on her active duty service for the period of 11 March 1976 to 7 March 1979.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 11 March 1976.
  - b. The DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows she served in Germany from 1 October 1976 to 2 March 1979.
  - c. On 7 March 1979, she was honorably discharged from active duty. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 2 years, 11 months, and 27 days of active service. It also shows she was awarded or authorized the Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16).
  - d. She entered active duty from the U.S. Army Reserve on 27 June 1983. She was honorably released from active duty on 26 June 1986. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 3 years of active service. It also shows she was awarded or authorized the:

- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3).

4. By regulation (AR 672-5-1), the Women's Army Corps Service Medal was established by Executive Order 9365 (WD Bul. 17, 1943). Awarded for service in both the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps between 20 July 1942 and 31 August 1943 and the Women's Army Corps between 1 September 1943 and 2 September 1945.

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. The Women's Army Corps Service Medal is awarded for service in both the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps between 20 July 1942 and 31 August 1943 and the Women's Army Corps between 1 September 1943 and 2 September 1945. The applicant served in active duty from 1976 to 1979 and from 27 June 1983 to 26 June 1986. She does not qualify for this award.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

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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.<sup>2</sup>

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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), currently in effect, prescribes Department of the Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Women's Army Corps Service Medal was established by Executive Order 9365, announced in War Department Bulletin 17, 1943. It is awarded for service in both the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps between 10 July

1942 and 31 August 1943 and the Women's Army Corps between 1 September 1943 and 2 September 1945.

3. Army Regulation 672-5-1 (Military Awards – Decorations, Awards, and Honors), in effect at the time, states the objective of the Department of the Army Military Awards Program is to provide tangible recognition for acts of valor, exceptional service or achievement, special skills, or qualifications and acts of heroism not involving actual combat. The Women's Army Corps Service Medal was established by Executive Order 9365 (WD Bul. 17, 1943). Awarded for service in both the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps between 20 July 1942 and 31 August 1943 and the Women's Army Corps between 1 September 1943 and 2 September 1945.

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