

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 18 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002695

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

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

- Airborne Course Diploma, effective 22 September 1992
- Permanent Order 181-24, effective 22 September 1992
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty)
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Letter

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 an update to his service to show his award of the "jump wings," he was awarded on 22 September 1992.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. His diploma for successful completion of the Airborne Course on 2 October 1992.
 - b. Permanent Order 181-24 dated 22 September 1992 attached the applicant to Fort Benning GA for the purpose of attending Airborne Class 45-92.
 - c. A VA letter dated 14 November 2018 notified the applicant of his benefits to include his service connected disability rating of 60% effective 1 June 2018 with a monthly award.
4. A review of the applicant record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 2 July 1985.

b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows that he completed two overseas tours, listed below. His airborne course, the additional skill identifier, nor any additional evidence is documented to show his attendance of the airborne course.

- Germany from 14 January 1986 to 09 January 1989
- Korea from 13 June 1990 to 23 August 1991

c. On 30 July 1993 he was honorably discharged from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 8 years and 29 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge for Hand Grenade
- Army Service Ribbon
- Aircraft Crewman Badge
- Over Seas Service Ribbon (2)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2D Award)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Achievement Medal (2D Oak Leaf Cluster)
- Army Commendation Medal

4. By regulation (AR 672-5-1), an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump, as outlined in the regulation, to be awarded the Parachutist Badge.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted for the applicant's request to add airborne training. Specifically, the applicant provided an Airborne Course Diploma presented on 2 October 1992. The Board was convinced by a preponderance of the evidence the applicant completed the course and should be awarded the Parachutist Badge for completion of the Airborne Course in 1992.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 30 July 1993 by adding to item 13 of his DD Form 214 the Parachutist Badge.

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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 672-5-1 (Military Awards), in effect at that time, states any individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump as follows (a) a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission for which the unit was credited with an airborne assault landing by the theater commander; or (b) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or (c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) currently in effect, states award of the basic Parachutist Badge requires that an individual must have satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or have participated in at least one combat parachute jump.

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