

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 13 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002765

APPLICANT REQUESTS: amendment of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show in item 14 (Military Education): Airborne School.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 4 December 2023.

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 graduated from Airborne School at Fort Benning in 1987.
3. A review of the applicant's service records show:
 - a. On 13 November 1985, he enlisted in the Regular Army.
 - b. On 16 October 1988, he reenlisted for 4 years.
 - c. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record - Part II) shows in section 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools), in part:
 - U.S. Army Field Artillery School, Fire Support Specialist (13F), 14 weeks, 1986
 - U.S. Army Europe, Headstart, 1 week, 1989
 - 1st Armored Division NCO Academy, Platoon Leadership Development Course, 4 weeks, 1990
 - Fort Campbell, Air Assault Course, 2 weeks, 1991
 - d. On 20 September 1993, he was discharged. His DD Form 214 shows in:
 - (1) Block 4 (Grade, Rate, or Rank), 13F1O000 (Fire Support Specialist).

(2) Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze service stars
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- NCO Professional Development Ribbon (Primary Level)
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16) and Grenade Bar
- Air Assault Badge
- Kuwait Liberation Medal

(3) Block 14 (Military Education):

- German Headstart Course, 1, week, May 1989
- PLDC Course, 4 weeks, September 1990

4. His records are void of a DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) or an Airborne Course Certificate showing he completed Airborne School in 1987. His military occupational specialty shows no additional skill identifier for parachutist (P).

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, 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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and military records, the Board determined the evidence of record does not show and the applicant did not provide documentation to show he completed airborne training, was awarded the "P" identified, or was assigned to an airborne unit on "jump" status and therefore, denied relief.

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 for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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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 635-5, Interim Change, in effect on 2 October 1989, implemented by DODI 1336.1, provided updated instructions for completing the DD Form 214.

a. The DD Form 214 must be typed or printed so that all eight copies are legible. Avoid using abbreviations in the entries as much as possible since this form is often used by civilian organizations. All blocks of the form require an entry. When no entry is appropriate or none exists, enter the abbreviation for not applicable "NA" or "None," whichever is appropriate.

b. Block 11 (Primary Specialty), enter the first five characters of the Primary MOS which will include the three characters of the MOS, the fourth character of skill and grade level in the MOS, and the fifth character of a specialty qualification identifier (SQI), in applicable—if not, the fifth character will be a "0". When MOS codes merge at skill level 5, make separate entries for the highest skill level in each MOSC below the skill level 5. The above specialties will be validated on the DA Forms 2A, 2-1, or the ORB. Any additional skill identifiers validated may be entered here or in block 14 under military education, if applicable. In determining time eligibility for listing of specialty, 16 days or more will be counted as a month.

c. Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), entries will be for all periods of service. Check Soldier's service records for validity of awards. Do not abbreviate when listing the entries.

d. Block 14 (Military Education), List formal in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by title, length in weeks, and month and year completed; e. g., medical, dental, electronics, supply, administrative, personnel or heavy equipment. Command and General Staff and Senior service Colleges, Senior Warrant Officer course, and SGM Academy Non-resident course may be included when successfully completed by correspondence. This information is to assist the soldier after separation in job placement and counseling; therefore, training courses for combat skills will not be listed.

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