

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 15 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002881

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show he is certified as having military occupational specialty (MOS) of 91T (Animal Care Specialist) in addition to 91A (Medical Specialist).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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 should officially certify as having 91T (Animal Care Specialist) military occupational specialty (MOS) in addition to 91A (Medical Specialist). This should be shown on his DD form 214 because he took the course at Walter Reed and performed extremely well in it. He would like to be able to show this to an admission committee at a school of veterinary medicine. If he succeeds in becoming a veterinarian, his military experience in combination with his having graduated from a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program will allow him to further service his country, in a way that will reflect well on the military and in the eyes of the public.

3. The applicant's service records show the following information:

a. DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document-Armed Forces of the United States) reflects he enlisted in the Regular Army on 20 January 1987.

b. Orders 125-161, 29 June 1987 shows after completing training he was awarded Primary MOS (PMOS) 91A effective date 31 July 1987.

c. Telephone conversation record 22 October 1987 shows his PMOS/Special Skills Identifier (SSI): 91A, additional instruction: he needs to extend 10 months.

d. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows:

- item 6 (MOS) does not show his MOS
- item 35 (Record of Assignments) shows his duty MOS as 91A, 4 December 1987

e. His DD Form 214 shows he was honorably released from active duty on 20 November 1989. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- item 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title and Years and Months in Specialty) 91A, Medical Specialist) 2 years, and 4 months
- item 14 (Military Education) Medical Specialist, 10 weeks July 1987

f. His record is void of evidence he was formally trained in MOS 91T or awarded this MOS.

4. By regulation (AR 635-5), the purpose of a separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his military service. For Item 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title and Years and Months in Specialty) 91A, Medical Specialist), enter primary MOS code number and title.

#### 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 evidence shows the applicant was formally trained in and was awarded MOS 91A, Medical Specialist. This is the MOS he held at the time of separation. Accordingly, his DD Form 214 correctly reflects MOS 91A. the Board found no evidence and the applicant provides none to show he was trained in or held MOS 91T. If the applicant can provide the diploma or certificate of training in this MOS, he may reapply to this Board for reconsideration.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

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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 (Personnel Separations-Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that will be furnished each individual who is separated from the Army, and establish standardized procedures for the preparation and distribution of these documents. The purpose of a separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his military service. DD Form 214

will be issued at time of separation, regardless of the actual number of days served, to each member of the Regular Army and Reserve components, called to active duty for a period of 90 days or more.

a. Item 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title and Years and Months in Specialty) 91A, Medical Specialist)-enter primary MOS code number and title.

b. Item 14, (Military Education)-enter service schools, including dates and major courses which were successfully completed. This entry also includes military sponsored courses completed in civilian schools and colleges during period covered by the DD Form 214 being prepared.

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