

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003485

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and the Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 for service ending 6 March 2021
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award)

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 requests the correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab. He completed Ranger school and Airborne training; however, his Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab were not added to his DD Form 214. The Army Commendation Medal was approved shortly before his separation from active duty.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. On 11 October 0216, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army and served in the military occupational specialty of 11C (Indirect Fire Infantry).
 - b. The applicant's Enlisted Record Brief shows in:
 - Section VI – Military Education; he completed Ranger Assessment and Selection Program and Airborne in 2017
 - Section IX – Assignment Information; he was assigned Ranger Indoctrination Training Detachment effective 9 March 2017.

c. On 22 February 2017, Orders Number 17053-432, issued by Headquarters (HQs), U. S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the applicant was awarded the Parachute Badge effective 8 March 2017 upon completion of Airborne training.

d. On 12 July 2017, Orders Number 17193-40, issued by HQs, U. S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the applicant was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Battalion effective 28 July 2017.

e. DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award), 75th Ranger Regiment Permanent Orders Number 351-004, awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for service from 9 February 2018 through 6 March 2021.

f. On 13 February 2018, Orders Number 18044-120, issued by HQs, U. S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, the applicant was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Battalion effective 10 March 2018.

g. On 16 December 2020, Permanent Orders Number 351-004, issued by 75th Ranger Regiment, the applicant was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for the period of service of 9 February 2018 through 6 March 2021.

h. On 6 March 2021, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and assigned to the U. S. Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Reinforcement). DD Form 214 shows the applicant completed 4-years, 4-months and 26-days of active service. It also shows in:

- Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Army Good Conduct Medal
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Expert Infantryman Badge
- Item 14 (Military Education):
 - Airborne for 3-weeks in 2017
 - Indirect Fire Infantryman One Station Training for 15-weeks in 2017
 - Ranger Assessment and Selection Program for 8-weeks in 2017

h. On 22 September 2024, Orders Number 9586055, issued by the Department of the Army, the applicant was honorably discharged from the USAR effective 29 August 2024.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

a. Parachutist Badge: Grant. Orders issued by Headquarters, U. S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, awarded the applicant the Parachute Badge effective 8 March 2017. This badge should be listed on his DD Form 214.

b. Army Commendation Medal: Grant. Permanent Orders issued by 75th Ranger Regiment awarded him the Army Commendation Medal for service from 9 February 2018 through 6 March 2021. This award should be listed on his DD Form 214.

c. Ranger Tab: Deny. Although he completed the Ranger Assessment Course and was assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, there are no permanent orders on file that confirm his award of the Ranger Tab. If the applicant has a copy of his orders, he may resubmit his application to this Board for reconsideration. If the applicant does not have orders awarding him the Ranger Tab, he may apply to HRC for award of the Tab, in accordance with AR 600-8-22.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by adding to his DD Form 214 the Army Commendation Medal and Parachutist Badge.

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to award of the Ranger Tab.

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 (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards), implements a part of the Army Awards Program. It prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges.

a. Paragraph 1-27 (Announcement of awards), c. Badges. Permanent awards of badges, except Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges, identification badges (less the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge, and Military Horseman Identification Badge), will be announced in POs by commanders authorized to make the award before recording information in the Soldier's AMHRR.

b. Paragraph 8-5 (Recommendation and authority to award badges), recommendations for awards of badges will be submitted on DA Form 4187 through command channels to the commander authorized to make the award. Badges may be approved and awarded only by the commanders authorized to award the respective badge. Contact the proponent of the badge for additional guidance before contacting the HRC ADB. See paragraphs 1-29 through 1-32 for the processing of orders for award, rescission, revocation, and reinstatement of Army badges and tabs.

c. Paragraph 8-41 (Ranger Tab), the Ranger Tab is authorized for award to U.S. military and civilian personnel and foreign military personnel who qualify as prescribed. The basic eligibility criteria for award of the Ranger Tab is as follows:

- Any person who successfully completed a Ranger course conducted under the auspices of the Ranger Department at Fort Moore, GA
- Any person who was awarded the CIB while serving during World War II as a member of a Ranger BN (1st through 6th inclusive) or in the 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional) and 475th Infantry Regiment (Merrill's Marauders)

Award approval authority, for current Soldiers, the Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School and for veterans and retirees, the Chief, HRC ADB.

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