

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003757

APPLICANT REQUESTS: his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) be amended to show:

- Parachutist Badge with Bronze Star
- Master Parachutist Badge

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 1307 (Individual Jump Record)
- Memorandum regarding Jumpmaster Refresher Course
- DD Form 214

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 completed jumpmaster school and was awarded the master jumpmaster badge. Additionally, he was awarded a star for a combat jump into Panama during Operation Just Cause. The badges are omitted from his DD Form 214.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. A DA Form 1307 shows the applicant completed five administrative or non-tactical jumps and three nights with combat equipment jumps.
 - b. A memorandum dated 20 March 1996 indicates the applicant successfully completed Jumpmaster Refresher Training given by 82d Airborne Division's Advanced Airborne School. Signed by the Tower Committee Chief.

4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 24 April 1986.

b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows he served in Germany from 17 April 1990 to 11 April 1993. He was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion (HHB), 4/29th Field Artillery as a 13F, Fire Support Specialist, Forward Observer. It also shows in Block 9 (Awards, Decorations & Campaigns):

- Parachutist Badge
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2
- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar

c. Permanent Orders 16-78 dated 15 February 1990, awarded the applicant, among others, a bronze service star for his Parachutist Badge for participation in a combat jump.

d. He was honorably discharged from Active Duty on 30 September 1998. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 12 years, 5 months, and 7 days of net active service this period. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Lapel Button
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 2
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Parachutist Badge

5. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for an award and campaign credits that are not recorded on his DD Form 214. The entries will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. By regulation (AR 600-8-22):

a. Award of the Master Parachutist Badge requires a rating of “excellent” in character and efficiency, completion of 65 jumps (25 with combat equipment, 4-night jumps with 1 as jumpmaster, and 5 mass tactical jumps culminating in an airborne assault problem), graduation from the Jumpmaster Course, and service on jump status for at least 36 months.

b. A bronze service star is authorized to be worn on Parachutist badges to denote a Soldier’s participation in a combat parachute jump. Orders are required to confirm award of these badges.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant’s contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the regulatory guidance and the jump log of the applicant showing he completed 65 qualifying airborne operations, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to add the Master Parachutist Badge to the applicant’s DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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| : | : | : | DENY APPLICATION |

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by awarding and adding the Master Parachutist Badge.
2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative note below from the analyst of record and recommended that change be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

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[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's service records show he is authorized additional campaign credit not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to add one bronze service star to his already awarded Parachutist Badge.

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) prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges.

a. The Master Parachutist Badge requires a rating of “excellent” in character and efficiency, completion of 65 jumps (25 with combat equipment, 4-night jumps with 1 as jumpmaster, and 5 mass tactical jumps culminating in an airborne assault problem), graduation from the Jumpmaster Course, and service on jump status for at least 36 months.

b. The bronze service star is authorized to be worn on Parachutist badges to denote a Soldier’s participation in a combat parachute jump. Orders are required to confirm award of these badges. AR 670–1 prescribes the placement of stars on parachute badges and the wear of these badges. A Soldier’s combat parachute jump credit is tied directly to the assault-landing credit decision for the unit to which the Soldier is attached or assigned at the time of the assault (see para 7–23). Should a unit be denied air assault credit, no air assault credit for purpose of this badge will accrue to the individual Soldiers of that unit. Each Soldier must physically exit the aircraft to receive combat parachute jump credit and the Parachutist Badge with bronze service star (see para 6–11 for more information).

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