

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004499

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, all his provided military education be listed on his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Warrior Leader Course Diploma
- DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report)
- Certificate of Training, The Blackheart Team Leaders Course
- Certificate of Training, Battle Command Training Center, Maneuver Control System Mission Application User Course
- Graduation Certificate, Northern Warfare Training Center, Cold Weather Leaders Course
- Certificate of Training, Combatives Skill Level I

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 Board will not address adding the Warrior Leader Course or the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon to his DD Form 214 as this will be accomplished through an administrative correction.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 28 August 2003. He served in military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman).
4. He was honorably released from active duty on 27 December 2009. The DD Form 214 he was issued lists no military education. The form shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Iraq Campaign Medal with 2 bronze service stars
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon (4th Award)
- Combat Infantryman Badge
- Driver and Mechanic Badge

5. The applicant provides:

a. Certificate of Training, Company B, 4-23rd Infantry Battalion, for Successfully Completing Combatives Skill Level 1 (42 hours) from 15 to 19 March 2004.

b. Certificate of Training, U.S. Army Alaska Northern Warfare Training Center, for Successfully Completing the Cold Weather Leaders Course 07-02 from 10 to 18 October 2006.

c. Certificate of Training, U.S. Army Alaska Battle Command Training Center, for Successfully Completing the Operator Sustainment Training Course on Maneuver Control System Mission Application User Course (40 hours) from 23 to 27 October 2006.

d. Certificate of Training, Company B, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, for Participation in the Blackheart Team Leader's Course, 31 April to 4 May 2007.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's request and available military records, the Board determined that, in accordance with applicable regulatory guidance, there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's request to add certain certificates of training to his DD Form 214. As a result, the Board granted partial relief, approving the inclusion of the applicant's verified certificates of training. However, the certificate for Combatives Skill Level 1 (42 hours) was deemed unauthorized for annotation on the DD Form 214 and will not be added to the official record.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction be completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
XXX	XXX	XXX	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), 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 amending the applicant's DD Form 214 to add in Block 14 (Military Education):

- Certificate of Training, Completing the Cold Weather Leaders Course 2 weeks, 2006
- Certificate of Training, Operator Sustainment Training Course on Maneuver Control System Mission Application User Course (40 hours), 2006.
- Certificate of Training, Blackheart Team Leader's Course, 1 week, 2007.

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 annotating the applicant's certificate of training, Company B, 4-23rd Infantry Battalion, for Successfully Completing Combatives Skill Level 1 (42 hours) from 15 to 19 March 2004.

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CHAIRPERSON

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):

Make the following administrative corrections to the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 27 December 2009 without action by the Board:

- Correct block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) to add the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
- Correct Block 14 (Military Education) by adding "Warrior Leader Course, 4 weeks, 2006" as shown on his DA Form 1059

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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It states the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. Block 14 (Military Education) states to list all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration. Include course title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the Soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills. Acceptable source documents include the Enlisted Record Brief, DA Form 4037 (Officer Record Brief), DA Form 1059, or other military issued certificate of completion with from and through dates or number of weeks.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides the Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (NCOPDR) was established by the SECARMY on 10 April 1981. It is awarded to Regular Army, ARNG, and USAR Soldiers for successful completion of designated NCO professional development courses. Only the numerals 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are authorized for wear on the ribbon signifying satisfactory completion of the respective levels of NCO professional development courses.

4. Army Regulation 15-185 prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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