

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005742

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of his previous request to correct his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his service in Korea.

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

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

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20230004721 on 17 November 2023.

2. The applicant states he was stationed at Camp Casey, Korea, assigned to a Division Support Command in 1980-1981.

3. During the processing of this case, the Army Review Boards Agency obtained the applicant's Official Military Personnel File from the National Personnel Records Center. Unfortunately, the Official Military Personnel File contained very little documentation pertaining to the applicant's period of Regular Army service. This case is being considered using the applicant's Regular Army DD Form 214 and the evidence he provided in support of his request for reconsideration.

4. With prior service in the Army National Guard, on 12 February 1980 the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army. He was honorably discharged on 21 February 1992 after completing 12 years and 10 days of service in the Regular Army. His DD Form 214 shows the following entries:

- Item 8a (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) – a unit in U.S. Army Europe
- Item 12f (Foreign Service) – 5 years, 3 months, and 29 days

- Item 18 (Remarks) – no entries indicating service in Korea

4. As new evidence, the applicant provides three photographs. Two are poor-quality images of an unidentifiable individual in uniform standing in an unidentifiable location. The third is a photograph of a plaque presented to the applicant in appreciation for his service to Team Spirit summer training in the Republic of South Korea in 1981 to 1982. *(Note: Team Spirit was a joint military training exercise of U.S. Forces Korea and the South Korean military held between 1974 and 1993.)*

5. On 17 November 2023 in Docket Number AR20230004721, the Board determined the evidence was insufficient as a basis for adding the Korea Defense Service Medal to the applicant's record.

6. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility (1) encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles and (2) all air spaces above the land and water area. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or for 60 nonconsecutive days or meet several criteria including: (1) be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility or (2) be wounded or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility. Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the information currently reflected on the applicant's 2-1 and the lack of any evidentiary documentation showing the service dates of the applicant serving in Korea, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant's record.

BOARD VOTE:

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

REFERENCES:

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