

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006164

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show her deployment during the Gulf War in Southwest Asia and associated awards.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Officer Evaluation Report (November 1990 to October 1991)

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 she deployed and served with 800 Material Management Center (MMC). She did not know that Operation Desert Storm was supposed to be documented on the DD Form 214. During her examination for the PACT Act validation, the attending physician said her DD Form 214 did not show her deployment.
3. The applicant had prior service as an enlisted Soldier in the Regular Army from 14 October 1975 to 14 July 1977.
  - a. She was appointed a commissioned officer of the Army with continued active duty on 15 July 1977. She served in a variety of stateside or overseas assignments and attained the rank of major.
  - b. Her DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) lists service in Korea from 12 November 1983 to 11 November 1984.
  - c. Her Officer Record Brief lists 42 months of service in Germany from on or about 8 January 1988 to on or about 24 July 1991, assigned to 800th MMC in Nelligen, Germany.

d. Upon return from Germany, she was assigned to the Army Logistics Army National Guard Readiness Center, Arlington, VA.

e. She was honorably retired (early retirement) on 31 March 1994 and placed on the retired list in her retired grade of MAJ on 1 April 1994. Her DD Form 214 shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service) 4 years and 6 months of foreign service
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) no Southwest Asia-specific awards (National Defense Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster (OLC)), Army Commendation Medal (3rd OLC), Army Achievement Medal (4th OLC), Army Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon
- Block 18 (Remarks) no entries pertaining to service in Southwest Asia or any HF/IDP (hostile fire/imminent danger pay) area

f. The applicant's DA Form 201 (Military Personnel Records Jacket) is void of any deployment orders, temporary duty/change of station (TDY/TCS)) orders, or a manifest confirming any deployments or the dates and location of any deployments.

g. Her record does not contain any clear or readable awards or certificates related to deployment to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

h. Her name is listed on the Gulf War Deployment Roster with the dates of 6 January 1991 to 9 May 1991.

i. She provides an Officer Evaluation Report for the rating period 7 November 1990 through 11 May 1991 while assigned to 800th MMC.

- The rater wrote in pertinent part, "performance and foresightedness were critical components in the Center's support of Operations Desert Shield and Storm
- The senior rater wrote in pertinent part "had one of the toughest, most demanding and thankless jobs during Operation Desert Storm."

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was/was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the information annotated on the Gulf War Deployment Roster and the information annotated on the officer's OER's, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to add her deployment during the Gulf War in Southwest Asia and associated awards to her DD Form 214.

Additionally, based upon the applicant's record showing she completed a service tour in the country of Korea during a qualified period for the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Board recommended added that medal to her DD Form 214 as well.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 Southwest Asia Service Medal with three bronze service stars;
  - awarding and adding the Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia;
  - awarding and adding the Kuwait Liberation Medal from the Government of Kuwait
  - awarding and adding the Korea Defense Service Medal;
- add the comment in the REMARKS section of the applicant's DD Form 214 (Block 18): "Service in Saudi Arabia from 19910106 to 19910509".

X //signed//

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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:

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 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active-duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. The general

instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. The specific instructions for:

- Block 12f reflected an entry of the total amount of foreign service completed during the period by the DD Form 214
- Block 13 reflected all awards and decorations
- Block 18, for an active-duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter the statement "Service in (Name of County Deployed), Form (inclusive dates YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD)

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Southwest Asia and contiguous waters or airspace there over, on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. Approved designated campaigns are:

- Defense of Saudi Arabia (2 August 1990 to 16 January 1991)
- Liberation and Defense of Kuwait (17 January to 11 April 1991)
- Cease-Fire Campaign (12 April 1991 to 30 November 1995)

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was approved on 3 January 1992 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 17 January 1991 and 28 February 1991.

c. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Kuwait was approved on 9 November 1995 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993.

d. 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 period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

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