

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006197

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his service in Somalia.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- All Army Activities Related to Shoulder Sleeve Insignia - Former Wartime Service, Operation Restore Democracy (Somalia)
- Certificate of Achievement, 20 August 1993
- Certificate of Participation, 25 August 1993
- Manifest Report

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 was credited with an overseas tour in the country of Somalia, from May to August 1992. He wants proof and credit for his service in Somalia while serving his country.
3. The applicant's complete service record for his Regular Army/active-duty service is not available for review. His DD Form 214 shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 10 September 1987 and held military occupational specialty 94B, Food Service Specialist.
 - b. He attained the rank of specialist/E-4 on 5 July 1989 and reenlisted on 22 August 1990.
 - c. He was honorably discharged from active duty on 22 August 1994 due to completion of his required service. His DD Form 214 for this period shows in:

- Block 12f (Foreign Service), the entry - 0001-11-25
- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized)
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Good Conduct Medal
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Overseas Service Ribbon
 - Driver and Mechanic Badge (Driver T)
 - Marksman Badge with Rifle Bar
 - Army Lapel Button
 - Southwest Asia Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars
 - Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Block 18 (Remarks) "Service in Southwest Asia, 20 December 1990 to 12 June 1991"

4. He provides:

- a. Certificate of Achievement, awarded by his battalion commander on 20 August 1993, for service while deployed to Somalia with 260th Quartermaster Battalion in Support of Continue Hope.
- b. Certificate of Participation, also awarded by his battalion commander on 25 August 1993 at Hunter Base, Mogadishu, Somalia, for service while deployed to Somalia with 260th Quartermaster Battalion in Support of Continue Hope.
- c. A Manifest Report, dated on what appears to be 3 September 1993 (date illegible) and list the "chalk" number for each Soldier deployed (or redeployed), with the applicant's name appears second from the top, a member of 53rd Quartermaster Company.
- d. All Army Activities pertaining to awarding Shoulder Sleeve Insignia - Former Wartime Service, Operation Restore Democracy (Somalia)
- c. Note: None of the documents provided (or contained in his service record) show the exact dates of service in Somalia.

5. The applicant later served in the Army National Guard beginning on 25 March 1999. He was transferred to the Retired Reserve on 30 August 2013 and was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60).

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. Although the Board found sufficient evidence showing the applicant served in Somalia, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to annotate such service on the applicant's DD Form 214. The Board made this determination based upon the lack of specific information related to the start date and end date of the applicant's Somalia service. Without such information, annotated of that service is not possible. Therefore, 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
:X	:X	:X	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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.
2. The Board did note the administrative notes 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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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):

Amend the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period 10 September 1987 through 22 August 1994 as follows:

- Delete: Kuwait Liberation Medal
- Add: Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) and Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)

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) establishes the standardized policy for processing the DD Form 214. The purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of their military service. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. The instructions for completing:

- Block 12f, enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214
- Block 13, enter 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) from (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD – YYYYMMDD)."

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

a. The Southwest Asia Service Medal is awarded to all 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. One bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon for participation in each designated campaign. The designated campaigns for Southwest Asia 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 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, and U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. Qualifying service for this award includes participation in Operation Restore Hope and Operation United Shield in Somalia from 5 December 1992 through 31 March 1995.

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