

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 26 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006324

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the Overseas Service Ribbon (OSR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- 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 his DD Form 214 should show the OSR to ensure his overseas service is correctly reflected.
3. The applicant's service record shows he completed active duty for training from 1 June to 4 August 1983, he was awarded military occupational (MOS) 43M (Fabric Repair Specialist), and he was released and transferred to the United States Army Reserve. He completed 2 months and 4 days of net active service this period.
4. On 11 September 1986, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army for 4 years in MOS 43M.
5. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:
 - a. Block 5 (Overseas Service), 10 April 1988 to 1 June 1989, Germany.
 - b. Block 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns), "ASR-1."

c. Block 35 (Record of Assignments), the applicant was assigned to the Maintenance Troop, "CSS" 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fulda, Germany, from 12 April 1988 to 1 June 1989 (1 year, 1 month, and 22 days), with duties in his MOS.

6. On 2 June 1989, the applicant was honorably discharged under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200, paragraph 16-5b, locally imposed bar to reenlistment. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows he completed 2 years, 8 months, and 22 days of net active service this period. Additionally, the DD Form 214 shows in:

a. 12f (Foreign Service), 01 01 20.

b. 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), the Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, and Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-16).

7. He is authorized the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) which will be addresses in the Administrative Notes portion of these proceedings.

8. The available evidence to include his DD Form 214 confirms the applicant served in Germany 1 year, 1 month, and 20 days; however, he was honorably discharged prior to completing the prescribed tour length of at least 24 months if he was unaccompanied.

9. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides the Army's awards policy. The OSR was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award for successful completion of overseas tours. Table 3-2 (Note 1) of Army Regulation 614-30 (Overseas Service) states the tour length for service in Germany is 36 months (accompanied) and 24 months (unaccompanied).

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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 petition and available military records, the Board determined there is insufficient evidence to support the applicant's contention to show the Overseas Service Ribbon (OSR) on his DD form 214. The Board noted the applicant served in Germany from 10 April 1988 to 1 June 1989, totaling 1 year, 1

month, and 20 days of foreign service. The Board acknowledged the applicant’s DA Form 2-1 noted overseas service and included an entry for the Army Service Ribbon (ASR), however, there is no indication that he completed the prescribed tour length required for entitlement to the OSR.

2. The Board determined in accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-22, the OSR is awarded for successful completion of overseas tours as defined by Army Regulation 614-30. Table 3-2 of AR 614-30 specifies that the required tour length for service in Germany is 36 months for accompanied tours and 24 months for unaccompanied tours. The applicant was honorably discharged prior to meeting either threshold, and there is no evidence of a waiver or exception to policy authorizing the award. Therefore, the Board found no error or injustice and denied correction of the applicant’s DD Form 214 to reflect award of the Overseas Service Ribbon.

3. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is 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
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	XXX	XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

Administratively correct the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 2 June 1989 without action by the Board by adding the NDSM.

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 (Separations Documents), then in effect, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It stated 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.
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides the Army's awards policy:

a. Army Regulation 600-8-22 states the NDSM is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 July 1950 and 27 July 1954, 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, and 11 September 2001 and a date to be determined.

b. The OSR was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award for successful completion of overseas tours. Table 3-2 of Army Regulation 614-30 (Overseas Service) states the tour length for service in Germany is 36 months (accompanied) and 24 months (unaccompanied).

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