

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 8 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006781

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:

- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- foreign service credit

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 effective 20 December 2003

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 is requesting amendment of his DD Form 214 to show his Iraq Campaign Medal, "Army Commendation Medal or Global War on Terrorism." His DD Form 214 currently captures his one year of foreign service in Korea in 2000; however, he was also in Iraq from 4 April 2003 to 2 September 2003. His foreign service time should be updated to reflect such.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 30 August 1999.
 - b. His Enlisted Record Brief and DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) show the applicant served in Korea from approximately 2 May 2000 through 30 April 2002.

c. Permanent Order 249-59, dated 6 September 2002, awarded the applicant the Army Good Conduct Medal for his period of service from 30 August 1999 through 29 August 2002.

d. The available service record is void of supporting documentation and/or orders showing the applicant was awarded the Army Commendation Medal.

e. On 20 December 2003, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 4 years, 3 months, and 21 days of active service with no lost time and 1 year of foreign service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Lapel Button
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon

f. Orders D-04-709361, dated 24 April 2007, honorably discharged the applicant from the U.S. Army Reserve with an effective date of 24 April 2007.

4. On 18 December 2024, a member of the Defense Finance Accounting Services staff provided email verification to confirm the applicant deployed to Iraq from 4 April 2003 to 2 September 2003 (4 months and 28 days), in addition to his foreign service in Korea from 2 May 2000 to 24 April 2002 (1 year, 11 months and 21 days).

5. A review of the applicant's service record confirms awards and an administrative entry was omitted from his DD Form 214. The entries will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. By regulation (AR 600-8-22):

a. The Iraq Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of the country of Iraq, the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles. The Iraq Campaign Medal period of eligibility is on or after 19 March 2003 through 31 December 2011. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign.

b. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM) is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have participated in Global War on Terrorism operations outside of the areas of eligibility (AOE) designated for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Afghanistan Campaign

Medal, or Iraq Campaign Medal. All Soldiers on active duty, including Reserve Component Soldiers mobilized or National Guard Soldiers activated, on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined having served 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days are authorized the GWOTSM.

c. 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.

d. The Army Commendation Medal may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

7. By regulation, (AR 635-5) 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.

a. Item 12f (Foreign Service) will show the total amount of foreign service performed during the period covered by block 12c (Net Active Service This Period).

b. Item 18 (Remarks), for Soldiers who deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter a statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

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 the applicant was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal for his honorable service from 30 August 1999 through 29 August 2002, as confirmed by Permanent Order 249-59, dated 6 September 2002. However, this award is not annotated on his DD Form 214. As such, correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect the Army Good Conduct Medal is warranted.

2. However, the Board determined the applicant's service record contains no orders or documentation substantiating award of the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM); thus, relief for this decoration is not warranted. Additionally, while the applicant served in Korea for nearly two years and deployed to Iraq for 4 months and 28 days, regulatory guidance requires a minimum of 12 months cumulative overseas service in designated areas to qualify for the Overseas Service Ribbon. The Board found the applicant's Iraq deployment falls short of this threshold. The Board granted partial relief to correct the applicant's DD Form 214 to show award of the Army Good Conduct Medal and denial for award of the ARCOM and Overseas Service Ribbon.

3. 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:

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:	:	:	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 awarding the applicant the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) for exemplary service from 30 August 1999 through 29 August 2002 and adding the medal to his DD Form 214 for the period ending 29 August 2002.
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 award of the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) and overseas service ribbon for his deployment.

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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):

A review of the applicant's service records show he is authorized awards and an entry not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to show:

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Marksmanship Qualification Badge – Rifle M-16
- Marksmanship Qualification Badge- Hand Grenade
- Block 12f (Foreign Service) – delete 1 year and add “0002 04 19”
- Block 18 (Remarks) – “Service in Kuwait/Iraq from 20030404 to 20030902”

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 600-8-22 (Military Awards), in effect at the time, prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military awards.

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- Liberation of Iraq (19 March 2003-1 May 2003)
- Transition of Iraq (2 May 2003-28 June 2004)
- Iraqi Governance (29 June 2004-15 December 2005)
- National Resolution (16 December 2005-9 January 2007)
- Iraqi Surge (10 January 2007-31 December 2008)
- Iraqi Sovereignty (1 January 2009-31 August 2010)
- New Dawn (1 September 2010-31 December 2011)

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3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, states 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.

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