

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007010

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his foreign service as part of the Multinational Force & Observers (MFO) – Sinai Peninsula in Egypt and to be awarded any associated awards or decorations.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552).

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 a member of Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment when it was sent on a rotation as part of the MFO peacekeeping force in Sinai Peninsula, Egypt in 1991. He notes the omission keeps him being eligible for the PACT (Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics) Act.
3. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 16 September 1986. After completing initial entry training, he was awarded military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman).
4. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in:
 - a. Item 5 (Oversea Service) contains no entry of him serving overseas.
 - b. Item 35 (Record of Assignments) shows he was assigned to Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry Battalion, 7th Infantry Division (ID), Fort Ord, CA from or about 4 January 1987 to an unspecified date.

5. He was honorably released from active duty on 28 February 1992. The DD Form 214 he was issued shows he completed 5 years, 5 months, and 13 days of net active service this period. His DD Form 214 shows in:

a. item 12f (Foreign Service), the entry "0000 00 00," representing no credited foreign service time;

b. item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), does not show he was awarded the Multinational Force and Observers Medal.

c. item 18 (Remarks), does not show any contingency operation he participated in.

6. U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center, St. Louis, MO, Orders D-09-481407, 30 September 1994 honorably discharged him from the United States Army Reserve effective 30 September 1994.

7. His records do not contain, or does he provide any documentary evidence that he served with the MFO peacekeeping force.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The service record does not contain, and the applicant does not provide, documentary evidence of the applicant serving in Sinai, Egypt. There are no deployment orders, TDY orders, manifest, travel vouchers, awards (reflecting service in Sinai), or Leave and Earnings Statements reflecting receipt of overseas, hostile, danger, or hazardous duty pay for Sinai, and/or the exact dates of such service. Therefore, the Board determined there is insufficient evidence to grant the requested relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
■	■	■	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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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), 15 August 1979 and in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing DD Form 214. It states to

enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered by the DD Form 214 in item 12f.

3. Army Regulation 672-5-1 (Military Awards), 1 October 1990 and in effect at the time, prescribes Department of the U.S. Army (DA) policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military awards. The Multinational Force and Observers Medal was accepted by the President for the U.S. Armed Forces on 28 July 1982. To qualify for the award, personnel must have served with the MFO at least 90 cumulative days after 3 August 1981. Effective 15 March 1985, personnel must serve 6 months (170 days minimum) with the MFO to qualify for the award. Periods of service on behalf of the MFO outside of the Sinai and periods of leave while a member is serving with the MFO may be counted toward eligibility for the Multinational Force and Observers Medal. The award is made by the Director General, MFO, or in his/her name by officials to whom he/she delegates awarding authority.

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