

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007145

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 21 April 2007 to show his missing awards and military education.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Basic Mountaineering Course, Certificate 13 – 27 July 2003
- Expert Infantryman Badge, Certificate, Undated
- Cold Weather Leaders Course, Certificate 7 – 19 December 2003
- Primary Leadership Development Course, Diploma 11 February – 12 March 2004
- Combat Tracking Course, Certificate 14 June – 9 July 2004
- Basic Close Combat Instructor Course, 11 April – 19 April 2005
- Order of the Golden Spur Certificate, 15 December 2005
- Army Commendation Medal, Certificate 20 April 2006
- Permanent Order 189-140D, 8 July 2006
- Army Achievement Medal, Certificate, 16 November 2006
- Valorous Unit Award, Certificate 16 August 2005 – 3 December 2006

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 served on active duty from 13 June 2001 to 21 April 2007, with foreign service annotated on his DD Form 214 in Iraq from 14 August 2005 to 29 November 2006.
3. His record is void of orders awarding him the Expert Infantryman Badge. However, the applicant provides an Expert Infantry Badge Certificate, showing he earned the badge.

4. All of the applicant's other requests are being corrected in the "Administrative Notes" section of this document without the need for Board action.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted for the applicant's request to add military education for courses attended during his active service and the Expert Infantryman Badge. Specifically, the applicant completed the following courses: Basic Mountaineering Course from 13 July 2003 to 27 July 2003, a period of 14 days; the Cold Weather Leaders Course from 7 December 2003 through 19 December 2003, a period of 12 days; the Combat Tracking Course from 14 June 2004 to 9 July 2004, a period of 25 days; and the Basic Close Combat Instructor Course from 11 April 2005 to 19 April 2005, a period of 8 days. Additionally, the applicant's unit was awarded the Valorous Unit Award and this award will be added to the applicant's DD Form 214.

2. The Board reviewed and concurred with the administrative notes below.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 21 April 2007:

- adding to item 13 of his DD Form 214:
 - Expert Infantryman Badge
 - Valorous Unit Award

- adding to item 14 of his DD Form 214:
 - Basic Mountaineering Course, 2 weeks, 2003
 - Cold Weather Leaders Course, 2 weeks, 2003
 - Combat Tracking Course, 5 weeks, 2004
 - Basic Close Combat Instructor Course, 1 week, 2005

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CHAIRPERSON

Signed by:

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): The applicant is authorized administrative correction of his DD Form 214 to show the following without Board action:

- a. Block 13 –
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon
 - Combat Infantryman Badge
 - Iraq Campaign Medal add "W/Campaign Star (2nd Award)"
- b. Block 14 – Primary Leadership Development Course, 4 Weeks, 2004

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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service. The DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active-duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) states to list all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service. Block 14 (Military Education) states to list all formal, in-service training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration. Do not list training courses for combat skills.

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