

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 24 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007472

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for service ending 20 December 2003 to reflect:

- combat deployment to Iraq for the period March 2003 through August 2003
- award of the Iraq Campaign Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Service Member Deployment History Out-processing Verification shows the applicant had a Personnel Tempo event during the period of 10 March through 12 September 2003 for National Emergency to an unspecified location for 186-days
- XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Orders Number 197-0323 shows the applicant reported to the U.S. Army Transition Point on 4 December 2003 for discharge
- DD Form 214 for period of service 8 October 1992 through 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 in effect:

- his record does not reflect his combat deployment to Iraq during the period of March through August 2003
- his record does not reflect award of the Iraq Campaign Medal
- unless the DD Form 214 is corrected he will not be identified as a combat Veteran which excludes him from receiving benefits

3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

- he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve on 22 August 1991
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows:
 - served in Germany during the period 28 October 1992 through 28 October 1994
 - served in Korea during the period 16 November 1998 through 15 November 1999
- he enlisted in the Regular Army on 8 October 1992
- on 20 December 2003, the applicant was honorably discharged from active duty; DD Form 214 shows in:
 - Item 12F (Foreign Service): 03-years, 00-months and 01-days
 - Item 13 Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award)
 - National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award)
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Overseas Service Ribbon
 - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
 - Parachutist Badge
 - Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver-W Bar
 - Item 18 (Remarks): does not list any period of deployed service

4. The Master Military Pay Account provided by Defense Finance and Accounting Service shows the applicant was deployed to Kuwait during the period of 1 March through 30 September 2003.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation failing to show the applicant served in Iraq (only Kuwait), the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting adding the Iraq Campaign Medal. However, based upon the applicant's record showing he served in Kuwait during a qualifying period for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and it does not appear on his DD Form 214, the Board recommended awarding and adding the GWOTEM to the applicant's DD Form 214.

2. The Board wished to inform the applicant that if he wishes to continue to pursue the Iraq Campaign Medal, he was awards, evaluations or other documentation which annotate Iraq service, he may submit a case for consideration of the Iraq Campaign Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by awarding and adding the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.
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 awarding the Iraq Campaign Medal.
3. Prior to closing the case, the Board also noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended those changes 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):

1. Reference the enclosed request for correction of military records from the subject individual to correct his DD Form 214 (certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period for service during October 8, 1992 through December 20, 2003, by:
 - a. Delete: Item 12f (Foreign Service): 03-years, 00-months and 01-days.
 - b. Add:
 - Item 12f: 03-years, 07-months and 01-days
 - Item 13 (Decorations, Medal, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Korea Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
 - Item 18 (Remarks): Service in Kuwait: March 1, 2003 through September 30, 2003

2. A review of the records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

- DD Form 214 for service during October 8, 1992, through December 20, 2003
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)
- Service Member Deployment History Out-Processing Verification
- Master Military Pay Account
- E-mail from Defense Finance and Accounting Service official

3. Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by deleting/adding the correction shown in paragraph 1a and b above. Provide the applicant a copy of the corrections. Please ensure that the corrections are recorded in the applicant's official military personnel record.

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 (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) implements a part of the Army Awards Program. Paragraph 2-17 (Iraq Campaign Medal), the ICM is awarded to Servicemembers who served in the Area of Eligibility (AOE) from or after 19 March 2003 to 31 December 2011. The AOE encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all airspaces above the land. Individuals authorized the ICM must have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation New Dawn. The AOE encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles and all airspaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles. Servicemembers must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the AOE for 30 consecutive days or for 60 nonconsecutive days.
3. AR 635-8 (Personnel Separations – Separation Processing and Documents) provides principles of support, standards of service, policies, tasks, rules, and steps governing required actions in the field to support processing personnel for separation and preparation of separation documents. Paragraph 5-6 (Rules for Completing the DD Form 214), (Block 12: Record of Service): (6) Block 12f: Foreign Service. Enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18.

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