

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007541

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 13 May 2005 to show in item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- National Defense Service Medal (NDSM)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOTSM)
- Army Service Ribbon (ASR)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 for the period ending 13 May 2005

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:

- he received the GWOTSM and NDSM; the medals are not on his current DD Form 214
- he would also like the ASR
- correction should be made because he earned the awards and requests the tangible medals mailed to him

3. The applicant requests to be provided the ASR which is listed on his DD Form 214. The applicant will have to submit a request to the National Personnel Records Center, and after verification will request the ASR medal set be provided to the applicant from TACOM. The Board will not consider that portion of the applicant's request. The Board will consider the portion of the applicant's request pertaining to the GWOTSM.

A review of the applicant's service records shows the following:

- On 29 October 2004, he enlisted into [REDACTED] Army National Guard (ARNG)
- Orders Number 4303006 dated 29 October 2004 and amended by Orders Number 5018010 dated 18 January 2005, ordered the applicant to active duty for training for 16 weeks for completion of basic training and advanced individual training
- Orders Number 090-0454 dated 31 March 2005 awarded the applicant military occupational specialty of 19K1O (Armor Crewman)
- DD Form 214 shows:
  - honorable characterization of service
  - his active duty service period 17 January 2005 through 13 May 2005
  - he completed 3 months and 27 days of active service
  - he was awarded or authorized the ASR
- Orders Number 131-059 dated 11 May 2006 discharged him from the [REDACTED] ARNG with an honorable characterization of service effective 1 December 2005

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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service in the Army National Guard for the National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the NDSM and the GWOTSM.
2. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief related to the Army Service Ribbon was not warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition, and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence of record shows the applicant's DD Form 214 ending on 13 May 2005 lists the Army Service Ribbon. The Board noted the applicant would have to seek the medal set through the National Personnel Records Center, and after confirmation the medal set for the ASR would be provided by TACOM.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1   Mbr 2   Mbr 3

:   :   :   GRANT FULL RELIEF

         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 relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214, for the period ending 13 May 2005 to show award of the NDSM and GWOTSM.
2. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice for the ASR. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned to award or provide him the ASR medal set.

4/15/2025



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.

**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. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states 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 the Global War on Terrorism operations outside of the designated areas of eligibility (AOE) on or after 11 September 2001 to a future date to be determined. 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. All Soldiers in a training status (basic or advanced individual training) are not eligible for receipt of this award until assigned to their first duty station and meet the requirements in paragraph 2-19c (Assigned, attached, or mobilized to a unit supporting designated operations listed in paragraph 2-18d for 30 consecutive days or for 60 consecutive days).
3. AR 635-5 (Separation Documents) in effect at the time prescribes the separation documents that will be furnished each individual who is separated from the Army. Source documents consist of all available records, and orders. Item 13; enter all decorations, service medals, campaign credits, and badges awarded or authorized.

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