

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 20 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007844

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

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 24 April 2024
- DA Form 4980-18 (Army Achievement Medal Certificate), 23 June 1990
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award), 11 July 1991
- DA Form 4980-17 (Army Commendation Medal Certificate), 6 August 1991

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 awarded the Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal, but the awards were not annotated on his DD Form 214.

3. The applicant provides copies of:

a. A DA Form 4980-18 showing an Army Achievement Medal was awarded to him on 23 June 1990 for outstanding performance while serving as a driver with K Troop, 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment from 30 May 1990 to 22 June 1990.

b. A DA Form 638, dated 11 July 1991, showing his commander approved him for award of the Army Commendation Medal for commendable service while serving with K Troop, 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment during Operation Desert Storm, from 17 January 1991 to 3 March 1991, with Permanent Orders Number 044-07.

c. A DA Form 4980-17, showing an Army Commendation Medal was issued to him for the period 17 January 1991 to 3 March 1991.

4. The applicant's request for award of the Army Commendation Medal is sufficiently supported by evidence he provided and evidence in his service records. This part of his request will be administratively corrected [See Administrative Notes].

5. The Board will consider the applicant's request for the Army Achievement Medal.

6. A review of the applicant's service records reflect:

a. On 27 October 1991, he enlisted in the Regular Army for 3 years.

b. On 3 March 1980, he was assigned to K Troop, 3d Squadron, 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment, following completion of Basic Combat Training and Advanced Individual Training.

c. He served in Southwest Asia from 30 September 1990 to 18 March 1991.

d. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows he was awarded:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16) and Hand Grenade Bar

e. On 9 May 1991, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he was awarded or authorized:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16) and Hand Grenade Bar

7. His records are void of orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal.

8. On 30 September 1992, a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) was issued to him adding the Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars and the Kuwait Liberation Medal to his DD Form 214. This correction did not include the Army Achievement Medal.

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. 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 Board was convinced by a preponderance of the evidence, specifically the Army Achievement Medal Certificate provided by the applicant for outstanding performance on Bradley Table VIII while serving as a Driver with K Troop, Third Squadron from 30 May 1990 to 22 June 1990 given on 23 June 1990. The Board concluded the Army Achievement Medal was awarded to the applicant and will be added to his DD Form 214.

2. Prior to closing the discussion, the Board reviewed and concurred with the administrative note 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 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 9 May 1991 to show award of the Army Achievement Medal.



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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): The applicant provided sufficient evidence, and the documentary evidence in his records show his DD Form 214 should be administratively corrected and annotated by:

- a. Deleting the Kuwait Liberation Medal; and
- b. Adding the Army Commendation Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait.

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) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The Army Achievement Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or to any member of the armed forces of a foreign nation, who distinguishes himself or herself by meritorious service or achievement of a lesser degree that required for the Army Commendation Medal. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Saudi Arabia was approved on 3 January 1992 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 17 January 1991 and 28 February 1991.

c. The Kuwait Liberation Medal awarded by the Government of Kuwait was approved on 9 November 1995 and is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in the Persian Gulf War between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993.

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