

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 8 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007898

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 17 March 2014 by having:

- Reconsideration of his previous request to correct block 12f (Foreign Service) to reflect his total time in Korea based on his Orders
- New request to correct block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) by adding the Army Achievement Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 638 (Recommendation for Award)
- Enlisted Record Brief
- Korea Service Orders
- Assignment to Korea Orders
- Permanent Change of Station (PCS) Orders

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20230004423, on 9 November 2023.

2. The applicant states he is providing evidence to support his request for both corrections.

3. The applicant provides and his service records show:

- He enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 September 2010
- Orders 69-44, 10 March 2011, show he was to proceed on a permanent change of station (PCS) to Camp Carroll, Korea with a reporting date of 7 April 2011
- Orders 090-008, 31 March 2011, show he arrived in Korea on 30 March 2011

- Orders 161-4207, 3 March 2012, shows he was to proceed on PCS from the Republic of Korea to Fort Bliss, Texas with a reporting date of 10 May 2012
- On 8 March 2012, he was recommended for award of the Army Achievement Medal, which was approved; however, no permanent order number was listed
- His record is void of orders showing he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal or reflects an Army Achievement Medal Certificate
- Enlisted Record Brief, 13 March 2012, does not show any overseas/deployment Combat Duty nor does it show award of the Army Achievement Medal, it shows he was assigned to Camp Carroll, Korea on 1 November 2011 through on or about 9 April 2023; a period of 5 months and 9 days
- On 17 March 2014, he was honorably released from active duty. He completed 3 years, 6 months, and 9 days of net active service this period
- His DD Form 214 does not list any foreign service time nor does it reflect the Army Achievement Medal
- His DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214), dated 26 January 2024 reflects his DD Form 214 was amended to add foreign service time of 5 months and 9 days and added the Korea Defense Service Medal

4. In a prior ABCMR Docket Number AR20230004423 on 9 November 2023, the Board made a decision regarding the applicant's request to update his foreign service stating the Board determined the evidence present is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. The Board recommends amending his DD Form 214 by adding 5 months and 9 days of foreign service and adding the Korea Defense Service Medal. The Board determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant the remaining portion of the requested relief.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation, the Board made the following findings and recommendations related to the requested relief:

- Foreign Service Credit: Based upon multiple documentation showing the applicant completed a year in the Republic of Korea during the period of military service covered on the applicant's DD Form 214 and the DD Form 215 correction only showing 5 months, 9 days of service, the Board recommended granting relief.
- AAM: Based upon the provided DA Form 638 showing the applicant was approved for an AAM for his Korean service and it not being reflected on his DD Form 214, the Board recommended granting relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	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 the applicant's DD Form 214 by:

- showing the applicant's foreign service as 1 year, 0 months, 0 days (correcting the DD Form 215 previously published on 26 January 2024)
- adding an 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.

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 15-185 (ABCMR) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards and states the Army Achievement Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who while serving in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.
4. Army Regulation 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. It states Block 12f: (Foreign Service). Enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c (Net Active Service This Period) to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18.

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