

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 17 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007952

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges...) to add two Army Achievement Medals (AAM).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA 638 (Recommendation for Award), dated 9 December 1996

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 earned two awards for outstanding service and believes both awards should be added to his DD Form 214.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 18 March 1992.
4. A DA Form 638, dated 9 December 1996, shows the applicant was recommended for an AAM with one oak leaf cluster.
 - a. The AAM was approved and announced in Permanent Order Number 90-08, issued by 4th Infantry Division Support Command, Fort Carson, CO, on 20 December 1996. [See Administrative Note]
 - b. Item 8 (Previous Awards) shows the applicant was previously awarded an AAM. However, there is no additional documentation in the applicant's service record pertaining to the referenced award.

5. The applicant was honorably released from active duty on 17 March 1997, by reason of completion of required active service. He completed 5 years of net active service. His DD Form 214 shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Lapel Button
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- National Defense Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade bar
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol bar
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle bar

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 DA Form 638 showing the applicant was approved for an AAM (1st OLC) at the time of his ETS and the information currently reflected on the applicant's DD Form 214, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence of an error which warrants adding two AAMs to the applicant's DD Form 214.

2. Prior to closing the case, based upon the applicant's military service record, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to also award and add the Army Good Conduct Medal to the applicant's DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:	:	:	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:

- adding AAM (OLC)
- awarding and adding the Army Good Conduct 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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) 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.

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