

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008005

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the Korea Defense Service Medal
- award of the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service)
- U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) discharge orders

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 is entitled to the Korea Defense Service Medal for his service in Korea during the period 1979-1980. He contends that he should be awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal for his service in the Army National Guard (ARNG) from 30 May 1987 to 28 October 1990 and in the USAR from 29 October 1990 to 2 November 1993.
3. The applicant's record shows he enlisted in the Regular Army on 30 January 1979. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows he served in Korea from 18 May 1979 to 17 May 1980.
4. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows he was released from active duty on 29 May 1987. His DD Form 214 does not show the Korea Defense Service Medal as an

authorized award in block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized).

5. The applicant's NGB Form 22 shows he enlisted in the ARNG on 30 May 1987 and was granted a conditional release for enlistment into the USAR troop program unit effective 29 October 1990. His NGB Form 22 does not show the National Defense Service Medal or the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal in block 15 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded this Period).

6. The applicant enlisted in the USAR on 29 October 1990. Orders issued by the USAR Personnel Center on 2 November 1993 ordered the applicant's discharge from the USAR effective 2 November 1993.

7. The applicant's available records do not contain DD Form(s) 214 or DD Form(s) 220 (Active Duty Report) showing periods of active service during his ARNG and USAR service. His records are also devoid of a Chronological Statement of Retirement Points showing his qualifying years of service for retirement (minimum of 50 retirement points per year).

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief 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 served in Korea between 18 May 1979 and 17 May 1980 and therefore, as annotated in the administrative notes below, is authorized the Korea Defense Service Medal. However, the portion of the applicant's request pertaining to the:

a. National Defense Service Medal is denied by this Board. The Board found no evidence in the applicant's record to support the applicant served a qualified period of service to qualify him for the NDSM and therefore denied relief. The evidence of record shows the applicant was released from active duty on 28 May 1987.

b. Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal is denied by this Board. The Board found no evidence in the applicant's record to support the applicant served a qualified period of service to qualify him for the ARCAM and therefore denied relief. The evidence of record shows the applicant served in the U.S. Army Reserve from 29 October 1990 to 2 November 1993.

2. The Board reviewed and concurred with the administrative note below.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:XX	:XX	:XX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.



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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): add to the applicant's DD Form 214 the Korea Defense Service Medal.

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:

a. The Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

b. The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 July 1950 and 27 July 1954, 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, and 11 September 2001 and 31 December 2022. During the period 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995 (Persian Gulf) Servicemembers on active duty, members of the Selected Reserve in good standing, and Servicemembers of other than the Selected Reserve who were called to active duty will also be eligible. Servicemembers in the following categories will not be eligible for the NDSM:

(1) Any Servicemember on active duty for the sole purpose of undergoing a physical examination.

(2) Any Soldier of the Individual Ready Reserve, Inactive National Guard, or the Standby or Retired Reserve whose active duty service was for training only or to serve on boards, courts, commissions, and like organizations.

c. The Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal is authorized for award to Army personnel in the rank of colonel and below for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of an Army National Guard or Army Reserve troop program unit or as an individual mobilization augmentee. Individuals must have completed 4 years of qualifying service on or after 3 March 1972 and before 28 March 1995. Beginning on 28 March 1995, the period of qualifying service for award of the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal was reduced from 4 to 3 years. This change is not retroactive. A qualifying year of service is one in which a Reserve Soldier earns a minimum of 50 retirement points during their retirement year.

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