

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008100

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) ending on 31 August 2022, to show her service in Iraq from 19 January 2006 to 18 January 2007.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Permanent Order Number 361-004 dated 27 December 2005, which shows Squadron B, 510th Personnel Service Battalion deployed in a Temporary Change of Station in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, effective no later than 15 February 2006
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award) dated 9 October 2006, which shows she was recommended for and awarded the Army Commendation Medal for serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; the period shown on the certificate was listed as 19 January 2006 to 18 January 2007
- DA Form 4980-14 (Army Commendation Medal Certificate) dated 9 October 2006, which also shows she was awarded an ARCOM for serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; the period shown on the certificate was listed as 19 January 2006 to 18 January 2007
- DD Form 214 ending on 31 August 2022, which shows, in relevant part, "service in Iraq 20060119-20060120" (19 January 2006 to 20 January 2006)

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:

- She requests that a combat tour in Iraq from 19 January 2006 to 20 January 2006 (one day) be updated to 19 January 2006 to 18 January 2007 (12 months) in lieu of the incorrect remarks annotated on her DD Form 214
- She requests this correction for administrative and historical purposes

3. A review of the applicant's military service record shows:

- Having prior enlisted service in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 24 October 2002
- She served continuously until she retired by reason of sufficient service
- Her record contains an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) certificate which shows she was awarded the ARCOM for serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; the period shown on the certificate was listed as 19 January 2006 to 18 January 2007
- Her enlisted record brief dated 1 April 2014 shows she served in Iraq from "19 January 2006 to 20 January 2006"; however, it also shows she served a 12-month combat tour
- On 31 August 2022, the applicant was honorably retired by reason of sufficient service; in relevant part, her DD Form 214 shows in item 18 (Remarks) "service in Iraq 20060119-20060120" (19 January 2006 to 20 January 2006)

4. On 2 August 2024, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Supervisor, Correction of Records/Claims, Debt and Claims Management, responded to a request from the Army Review Boards Agency for verification of deployment for the applicant and stated, according to the applicant's Master Military Pay Account, the applicant had foreign service in Afghanistan from 25 July 2014 to 29 March 2015 and foreign service in Iraq from 20 January 2006 to 23 December 2006.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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 reviewed and concurred with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service master military pay summary, which confirmed that the applicant served in Iraq from 20 January 2006 through 23 December 2006. Based on this evidence, the Board granted relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : : DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be amending the applicant's DD Form 214, ending on 31 August 2022 by:

- Deleting in item 18 (Remarks) Service in Iraq 20060119 – 20060120
- Adding in item 18: Service in Iraq 20060120 - 20061223

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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:

Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the transition processing function of the military personnel system. It 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. The detailed instructions for completing the DD Form 214, Block 18 (Remarks) state to use this block for Headquarters, Department of the Army mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available. For active duty Soldiers, list any/all outside the continental United States deployments completed during the period of the DD Form 214 by entering "SERVICE IN (Name of Country Deployed) FROM (inclusive dates)."

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