

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008292

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

- Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) with two bronze service stars
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (KLM-KU)
- Kuwait Liberation Medal (KLM-SA)
- Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214

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 his DD Form 214 does not show his SWASM with two bronze service stars, KLM-KU, KLM-SA, and ARCOM.
3. The Board will not consider adding the SWASM with two bronze service stars, KLM-KU, and KLM-SA, to the DD Form 214, these awards will be addressed through an administrative correction.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 10 April 1985. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:
 - a. Block 5 (Oversea Service):
 - he was in "FEPA" Japan from 16 June 1986 through 13 June 1989 36 months, on a permanent change of station

- he was in “AMEA,” Saudi Arabia, for 6 months, in a temporary duty status (TDY), from 21 September 1990 to 29 March 1991

b. Block 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns), the Army Service Ribbon (1st Award), Army Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award), Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award), Parachutist Badge, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (2nd Award), Army Achievement Medal (1st Award), SWASM with two bronze service stars, and Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16).

c. Campaigns, the Defense of Saudi Arabia and the Liberation and Defense of Kuwait.

5. On 7 March 1992, he was honorably discharged from active duty, at the expiration of his term of service. His DD Form 214 shows in:

a. Block 12f (Foreign Service), 3 years, 6 months, and 7 days.

b. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), the:

- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Lapel Button
- Parachutist Badge
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle (M-16)
- Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd Award)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Achievement Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon

c. Block 18 (Remarks), “SWA: 900921-910329 [21 September 1990 through 29 March 1991].

6. The available evidence does not reference the ARCOM as an authorized award nor does his record contain orders for the ARCOM.

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 Board determined there was no documentation, to include any orders in the applicant's service record to show he was nominated, received or authorized the award of the ARCOM. Therefore, the Board found no error or injustice and denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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.
2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended those changes be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

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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): Make the following administrative corrections to the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 7 March 1992 without action by the Board. Adding to item 13, the:

- Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) with two bronze service stars
- Kuwait Liberation Medal-KU
- Kuwait Liberation Medal-SA

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.

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3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The SWASM is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm in the designated area on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. The applicant's approved designated campaigns are:

- Defense of Saudi Arabia (2 August 1990 to 16 January 1991)
- Liberation and Defense of Kuwait (17 January to 11 April 1991)

b. The Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia awarded by the Kingdom 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. Additionally, this regulation states the Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kuwait 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.

c. The ARCOM may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

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