

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008528

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect his foreign service in support of Operation Provide Comfort during the period of 22 April through 4 June 1991 and Operation Joint Forge during the period of 13 August 2000 through 9 February 2001.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Headquarters, 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Memorandum dated 16 December 1991, Subject: Shoulder Sleeve Insignia Former Wartime Service (SSI-FWTS) for Operation Provide Comfort Participation shows the applicant was authorized the SSI-FWTS for direct support of the operations while deployed for Operation Provide Comfort
- Sarajevo Base Support Battalion (Provisional) Operation Joint Forge Permanent Orders Number 11-09

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 essentially states he requests the correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect his foreign service in support of Operation Provide Comfort during the period of 22 April through 4 June 1991 and Operation Joint Forge during the period of 13 August 2000 through 9 February 2001.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - On 27 September 1976, he enlisted in the U. S. Army Reserve (USAR)
 - DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows:
 - Item 5 (Overseas Service): he served in Turkey during the period of 22 April through 30 June 1991

- Item 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns) shows he was awarded the Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal for Operation Provide Comfort
 - DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) shows he was ordered to active duty on 30 January 1977 and was honorably released on 20 May 1977
 - On 26 September 1977, he enlisted in the Regular Army (RA) and had continuous service through extensions and reenlistments
 - On 6 June 1991, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service during Operation Provide Comfort during the period of 13 April through 6 June 1991
 - DA Form 2166-8 (Noncommissioned Officer Evaluation Report) for rating period of 1 September 1990 through 30 August 1991:
 - He has special emphasis on Operation Desert Shield, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Provide Comfort
 - He was recommended for the Meritorious Service Medal for his actions in Operation Provide Comfort
 - On 11 January 2001, he was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal for the period of 13 August 2000 through 9 February 2001 in Operation Joint Forge by Permanent Orders Number 11-09
 - DA Form 2166-7 for rating period of 1 March 2000 through 31 January 2001, he was assigned to the Allied Military Intelligence Battalion in Sarajevo, Bosnia
 - On 31 October 2002, he was assigned to the U. S. Army Transition Center for release from active duty and placed on the retired list on 1 November 2002 by Orders Number 176-0013 dated 25 June 2002
 - DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows in:
 - Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Southwest Asia Service Medal
 - Item 18 (Remarks): he served in Southwest Asia during the period of 22 April through 30 June 1991
4. On 25 April 2025, in the processing of his case, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service provided the applicant's Leave and Earnings Statements and stated his LESs indicated he was deployed during the period of 24 April through 3 June 1991 and again during the period of 25 August 2000 through 7 February 2001.

The LESs which show Overseas Pay was started on 24 April 1991 and stopped on 3 June 1991 and was paid danger pay. Hardship duty pay was started on 25 August 2000.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 pay account summary provided by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. The records reflect that the applicant was deployed during the period 24 April through 3 June 1991, and again during the period 25 August 2000 through 7 February 2001. The Board determined that the DFAS documentation provided credible and substantiated evidence of the applicant's deployment history. The verified service periods were consistent with the applicant's claim and supported the request for correction. Based on the verified evidence, the Board found sufficient grounds to grant relief.

2. Prior to closing, the Board noted that the applicant served in the Republic of Korea during the periods 9 September 1985 through 10 September 1986 and 17 September 1996 through 8 August 1997. The Board observed that, despite the applicant's qualifying service in Korea, the Korea Defense Service Medal was not awarded. The absence of this award was noted in the record. The Board acknowledged the applicant's service in Korea and the omission of the Korea Defense Service Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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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 his DD Form 214, for the period ending 31 October 2002 to show in:

- item 12f (Foreign Service): 2 years, 5 months, and 19 days
- item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) Korea Defense Service Medal
- item 18 (Remarks): Service in Bosnia from 20000825 to 20010207

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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 (AR) 635-8 (Separation Documents) provides the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. For item 12f (Foreign Service) enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c. In addition, list periods of deployed service in block 18. For item 18 (Remarks); use this block for entries required by Headquarters Department of the Army for which a separate block is not available and for completing entries that are too long for their blocks. Additionally, the remarks will state "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD -YYYYMMDD).

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