

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008917

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 12 December 1985 to reflect:

- foreign service credit for his deployment to Grenada, West Indies in 1984
- Army Commendation Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-Authored statement
- Certificate of Achievement
- Army Commendation Medal Certificate
- 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 while assigned to the 984th Military Police (MP) Company, Fort Carson, CO, he deployed to Grenada from 30 July 1984 to 1 October and received a Certificate of Achievement. He was also awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his meritorious service while assigned to the New York Area Command MP Company, Fort Hamilton, NY between 27 December 1984 and 12 December 1985.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. A Certificate of Achievement, dated 26 September 1984, signed by Lieutenant Colonel AJG, for outstanding service and achievement as an MP while assigned as a member of the United States Military Support Element Grenada, Grenada, West Indies from 30 July 1984 to 1 October 1984.

b. An Army Commendation Medal Certificate, dated 11 February 1986, signed by Colonel WLL, for meritorious service as an MP while assigned as a member of the New York Area Command MP Company, New York Area Command, Fort Hamilton, NY from 27 December 1984 to 12 December 1985.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 27 December 1983.

b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows he was assigned to:

- 10 May 1984, 984th MP Company, Fort Carson, CO
- 2 January 1985, MP Company, Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, NY

c. The available service record is void of orders for award of the Army Commendation Medal.

d. He was honorably released from active duty on 12 December 1985. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 16 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar (.45 Caliber)

5. On 27 March 2025, a member of the Defense Finance Accounting Services (DFAS) staff provided email stating they could not verify the applicant's deployment to Grenada, West Indies from 30 July 1984 to 1 October 1984. The applicant's leave and earnings statement attached to the email for the period covered of 1 to 30 November 1984 shows in block 39 (Remarks) Temporary Duty (TDY) from 28 July 1984 to 5 October 1984; no location annotated.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, 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. Upon review of the applicants petition and available military records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to grant full relief. The Board noted the applicant's LES shows pay for his period of service in Grenada, also a Certificate of Achievement, and ARCOM Certificate strengthens his application.

Additionally, a summary from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) indicating the applicant served in Grenada for the period 30 July 1984 to 1 October 1984. Therefore, the Board determined relief was appropriate for the applicant's service in Grenada.

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 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 12 December 2015 to show in:

- item 12f (Foreign Service): 2 months and 2 days
- item 18 (Remarks): Service in Grenada from 30 July 1984 to 1 October 1984

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CHAIRPERSON
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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), in effect at the time, prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military awards. The Army Commendation Medal 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.
3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.
 - a. Item 12f (Foreign Service) will show the total amount of foreign service performed during the period covered by block 12c (Net Active Service This Period).
 - b. Item 18 (Remarks), for Soldiers who deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, enter a statement "SERVICE IN (name of country deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD-YYYYMMDD)."

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