

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009339

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty) to show award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 4950 (Certificate awarding Army Good Conduct Medal)

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 that the Army Good Conduct Medal is missing on his DD Form 214 and he has a copy of the certificate awarding him such.
3. A review of the applicant's record shows:
 - a. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 3 June 1988.
 - b. A DA Form 4950 shows that the applicant was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in active federal military service from 3 June 1988 to 2 June 1991.
 - c. On 23 November 1991, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years, 5 months, and 21 days of active service with no lost time. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Overseas Service Ribbon

- Army Achievement Medal
- Marksmanship Badge Rifle, M-16
- NCO Professional Development Ribbon

d. His records are void of commander's disqualification for award of the Army Good Conduct Medal for the period 3 June 1988 through 2 June 1991, additionally, there is no evidence of a court-martial conviction or any other factors in his record that would preclude him from award of the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award).

4. By regulation, the Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity during a qualifying period of active duty enlisted service. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified.

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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service from 3 June 1988 to 2 June 1991. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award).

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214, for the period ending 23 November 1991 by:

- Awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) for the qualifying period 3 June 1988 to 2 June 1991
- Adding the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) to his DD Form 214

X //SIGNED//

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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity during a qualifying period of active duty enlisted service. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//