

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 12 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009512

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to be awarded the Valorous Unit Award.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- General Orders Number 14, 11 April 1997

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 per General Orders Number 14 dated 11 April 1997, his unit was awarded the Valorous Unit Award - 2d Battalion, 3d Field Artillery (6 January 1991 - 16 June 1991). He is requesting the Valorous Unit Award be added to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), if possible.

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

a. Having prior Army National Guard enlisted service, he enlisted in the Regular Army on 28 September 1990.

b. His record contains an Army Achievement Medal certificate dated 29 August 1994, which indicates at the time he was assigned to Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery.

c. On 27 September 1994, he was honorably released from active duty and was transferred to his U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) unit in Seattle, WA. He completed 4 years net active service this period. DD Form 214 shows in:

- Block 8a (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) - Battery C, 3rd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery

- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) - no entry for the Valorous Unit Award

d. On 7 October 1995, he enlisted in the USAR for 3 years.

4. The applicant's name appears on the Gulf War Roster; nevertheless, it does not show he was assigned to 2d Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery during the period of 6 January to 16 June 1991. Additionally, the available military service records do not contain evidence, nor show the applicant was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery.

5. The applicant provides General Orders Number 14 dated 11 April 1997, which show 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery was awarded the Valorous Unit Award.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and the available military records, the Board found insufficient evidence to support his claim of assignment to the unit recognized by the Valorous Unit Award (VUA). Although the applicant's name appears on the Gulf War Roster and he served honorably during that period, official documentation does not indicate he was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery the unit cited in General Orders Number 14, dated 11 April 1997, for award of the VUA. Instead, the record confirms his assignment to Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery, as reflected in both his Army Achievement Medal certificate and DD Form 214. In the absence of substantiating documentation verifying his assignment to the awarded unit during the recognized period, the Board determined that the applicant is not entitled to have the Valorous Unit Award added to his DD Form 214. Therefore, the request for relief is denied.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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.

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 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents) prescribes the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. The instructions for completing Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) states, entries will be for all periods of service. Check Soldiers' service records for validity of awards. Do not abbreviate when listing the entries.

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