

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009519

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 10 July 1959 to show in item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendation, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, ending 10 July 1959
- Photocopy of an article and picture depicting an individual parachuting and a group of people in which the article describes as in Lebanon

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 in effect:
 - He requests the AFEM is awarded and added to his DD Form 214
 - he served and jumped into Beirut/Lebanon May 1958
3. A review of the applicant's official record shows the following on:
 - On 20 July 1956, he enlisted into the Army of the United States
 - On 10 July 1959, DD Form 214 honorably released him from active duty and he was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve to complete his remaining service obligation
 - he completed 2 years, 11 months, and 21 days of active service
 - item 24 shows:
 - Army Good Conduct Medal

- Parachutist Badge
- The available service record is void of any documentation showing the applicant was awarded the AFEM

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Although the applicant provides newspaper articles on Beirut operations, the Board found insufficient evidence in the applicant's official military record showing he served in such operations. As a result, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting adding the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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: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.

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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) 600-8-22 prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is authorized for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in military operations within specific geographic areas during specified time periods. An individual, who was not engaged in actual combat or equally hazardous activity, must have been a bona fide member of a unit participating in, or be engaged in the direct support of, the operation for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involved entering the area of operations. Table C-3 (Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal) shows the AFEM was authorized for Lebanon for the period 1 July to 1 November 1958.

b. Area of operation is defined as the foreign territory upon which troops have actually, landed or are present and specifically deployed for the direct support of the designated military operation; adjacent water areas in which ships are operating, patrolling, or providing direct support of operations; and the airspace above and adjacent to the area in which operations are being conducted.

c. Direct support is defined as services being supplied to participating forces in the area of engagement (AOE) by ground units, ships, and aircraft provided it involves actually, entering the designated AOE. This includes units, ships, and aircraft providing logistic, patrol, guard, reconnaissance, or other military support within the designated AOE. AOE is defined as the foreign territory on which troops have actually landed or are present and specifically deployed for the operation, adjacent water areas in which ships are operating, patrolling, or providing direct support of the operation, and the air space above and adjacent to the area in which operations are being conducted.

3. AR 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time prescribes the separation documents that will be furnished each individual who is separated from the Army. Source documents consist of all available records, and orders. Item 24; enter all decorations, service medals, campaign credits, and badges awarded or authorized.

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