

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009647

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 16 February 1984, to show award of the Army Achievement Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552)
- The Army Achievement Medal Certificate, 23 December 1983
- 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 his Army Achievement Medal is missing from his DD Form 214 and he would like it added.
3. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 3 January 1980.
4. He was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement) on 16 February 1984 by completion term of service after serving 3 years, 11 months, and 19 days of net active service this period. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 does not show award of the Army Achievement Medal.
5. His Official Military Personnel File does not contain any recommendation or orders awarding him the Army Achievement Medal.

6. He provides an Army Achievement Certificate, dated 23 December 1983, that shows he was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious achievement for the period 8 June 1982 to 20 February 1984.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the provided AAM certificate from the applicant and the service dates of that award falling within the service dates of the applicant's DD Form 214, the Board concluded there was an error present warranting adding an AAM to the applicant's DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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: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 a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by adding the Army Achievement Medal.

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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 600-8-22 (Military Awards), 25 February 1995 prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. Announcement of Awards states an award made by the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of the Army will be announced in Department of the Army General Orders. Awards of decorations and the Good Conduct Medal made by principal Headquarters, Department of the Army officials will be announced in permanent orders.

b. It states the Army Achievement Medal is awarded to any service member of the Armed Forces of the United States, or to any member of the Armed Forces of a friendly foreign nation, who while serving in any capacity with the Army in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished himself or herself by meritorious service or achievement of a lesser degree than required for award of the Army Commendation Medal.

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