

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010154

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of her previous request to correct her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect service in Panama during Operation Just Cause.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Memorandum – Subject: Letter of Appreciation, 15 February 1990 – reflective of the applicant being recognized for her service in support of Operation Just Cause from 20 December 1989 – 4 January 1990
- Orders Number 181-3, 6 December 1989 – reflective of the applicant being attached to the 1109th Signal Battalion, Fort Clayton, Panama, effective 9 December 1989
- Docket Number AR20130020911, 17 October 2014 – reflective of the previous Board directing that the applicant's DD Form 214 be corrected to reflect the addition of several awards to include:
 - Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/ 2 bronze service stars)
 - Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia
 - Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kuwait
 - Korea Defense Service Medal
- DD Form 214, 6 June 1993 – reflective of the applicant's service on active duty from 22 October 1986 – 6 June 1993; item 12f. (Foreign Service) reflects 2 years, 11 months, and 20 days; item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) reflects:
 - Army Commendation Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award)
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Overseas Service Ribbon (w/ Numeral "2")

- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (w/ M-16 Bar)
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge (w/ Grenade Bar)
 - Driver and Mechanics Badge (w/ Driver Bar)
- DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) – reflective of the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending on 6 June 1993 being corrected to reflect:
 - Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/ 2 bronze service stars)
 - Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia
 - Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kuwait
 - Korea Defense Service Medal
 - Service in in Southwest Asia from 1 September 1990 – 11 March 1991

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20130020911 on 14 August 2014.

2. The applicant states in part, her DD Form 214 needs to be corrected to reflect her service in support of Operation Just Cause in Panama. In the previous case, the Board denied her requested correction noting that she had provided insufficient evidence to support this correction.

3. A review of the applicant's available service records reflects the following:

- On 22 October 1986 – she enlisted in the Regular Army with duty as a 95B (Military Police)
- On or about 17 April 1987 – she proceeded on Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders to Germany
- On or about 7 April 1989 – she departed Germany and was subsequently assigned to the 426th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, NC
- On 7 June 1990 – she reenlisted for 3 years
- On or about 30 October 1991 – she proceeded on PCS orders to Korea
- On or about 28 October 1992 – she departed Korea
- On 6 June 1993 – she was honorably released from active duty and transferred into the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement)

3. On 14 August 2014, Docket Number AR20130020911 the Board considered the applicant's requested relief and granted partial relief. As it pertains to this request, the Board noted that she did not provide any evidence reflective of her service in Panama during Operation Just Cause or that she served a qualifying period of service in any

other qualifying location or operation for this correction. Therefore, it was determined that there was insufficient evidence to justify adding this service or award to her DD Form 214.

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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board concluded the evidence presented by the applicant supports the applicant being deployed in support of Operation Just Cause. Therefore, the Board granted relief.

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 amendment of the ABCMR's decision in Docket Number AR20130020911 on 14 August 2014. 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 6 June 1993 to show in item 18 service in Panama from 19891220 thru 19900104

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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. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides Department of the Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military decorations, Army Good Conduct Medal, service medals and ribbons, combat and special skill badges and tabs, unit decorations, and trophies, and similar devices awarded in recognition of accomplishments. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal may be authorized for U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, and U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. Service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or be engaged in the direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of operations (or for the full period when an operation is less than 30 days duration) or for 60 nonconsecutive days provided this support involved entering the area of operations. Qualifying service for this award includes Service in Panama to participate in Operation Just Cause from 20 December 1989 to 31 January 1990.

2. AR 635-5 (Separation Documents) provides the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. Chapter 2 (Preparing and Distributing Separation Documents) provides that for an active-duty Soldier deployed with his or her unit during their continuous period of active service, the statement "SERVICE IN (Name of Country Deployed) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD - YYYYMMDD)" will be entered in item 18 (Remarks) DD Form 214.

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