

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 13 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010157

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), for the period ending 22 March 2006

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 he was deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2004. He is applying for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The criteria is the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.
3. Following a period of service as a Reserve Commissioned Officer of the Army, the applicant accepted appointment as a Medical Corps officer in the Army of the United States, in the rank/grade of captain/O-3, on 16 May 1987.
4. His service record contains two DA Forms 67-9 (Officer Evaluation Reports (OER)) for the periods 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004 and 1 October 2004 to 15 May 2005, which show he was evaluated in his principal duty title as Consultant to the Surgeon General, Neurosurgery Service, at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was also attached to an elite special operations unit as a neurosurgeon, personally providing frequent clinical and educational support to this classified unit. Neither OER notes a deployment to Camp Doha, Kuwait, during the two rating periods.
5. The applicant was honorably discharged on 22 March 2006, under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-8-24 (Officer Transfers and Discharges), paragraph 3-5, for miscellaneous/general reasons. He completed 18 years, 10 months, and 7 days of net

active service. There is no foreign service noted on his DD Form 214. He was awarded or authorized the following:

- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Superior Unit Award
- National Defense Service Medal (2nd award)
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Parachutist Badge

6. The applicant's service record does not contain, nor does he provide documentation which shows he deployed to Camp Doha, Kuwait, in 2004.

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. Based upon the information reflected on the applicant's ORB and the remainder of his military service record failing to show any foreign service, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant's military record.

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 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (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 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who deployed abroad for service in Global War on Terrorism operations on or after 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined. The general area of eligibility (AOE) encompasses all foreign land, water, and air spaces outside the fifty states of the United States and outside 200 nautical miles of the shores of the United States in operations approved by the Secretary of Defense. Service members must be assigned, attached, or mobilized to a unit participating in designated operations for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in the AOE, or meet other, specified criteria. Under no conditions will units or personnel within the United States or the general region excluded above be deemed eligible for the GWOTEM.

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