

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 15 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010576

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Joint Service Commendation Medal (JSCM) and correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show it.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 15 July 2024
- Temporary Duty Travel Request, 20 August 1975
- DA Form 2166-5 (Enlisted Evaluation Report (EER)), 5 January 1976
- Amended Letter Orders Number 4143, 4th Adjutant General Company Fort Carson, 23 February 1976
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award), 19 April 1976
- memoranda, Applicant, 4 November 1995, 28 May 1996, and 8 July 1999

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 given a recommendation for the JSCM for support of task force new arrivals on 19 April 1976. The award was never approved or denied. Other military support personnel were recommended for the JSCM and awarded it under the same conditions as the recommendation. He believes his recommendation was lost.
3. The applicant provides copies of:
 - a. A temporary duty travel request, dated 20 August 1975, reflecting he was assigned in support of new arrivals during operation task force, Fort Chaffee, for approximately 167 days.

b. An EER reflecting he supervised operations at Task Force New Arrivals and Fort Chaffee, from August 1975 to November 1975.

c. Amended Letter Orders Number 1335, dated 12 April 1976, reflecting a change from 223 days to 284 days.

d. A DA Form 638, dated 19 April 1976, reflecting he was recommended for the JSCM.

e. Three memoranda reflecting his requests with Army Personnel Records Center for award of the JSCM.

4. A review of his service records show:

a. On 20 January 1975, he enlisted in the Regular Army following an earlier period of honorable and broken service.

b. On 19 April 1976, his commander, Task Force New Arrivals and Fort Chaffee, recommended him for award of the JSCM for service between 25 August 1975 and 31 March 1976.

c. On 9 January 1981, he was discharged under the provisions of chapter 10, Army Regulation 635-200 (Personnel Separations – Enlisted Personnel). His DD Form 214 for this period does not show award of the JSCM.

d. His DA Form 2-1 does not show award of the JSCM.

e. On 16 September 1994, he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to control of the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR). His DD Form 214 does not show award of the JSCM.

f. On 26 October 2006, he was transferred to the USAR Retired Reserve.

g. His records is void of orders awarding him the JSCM.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence of record indicates that on 19 April 1976, the commander, Task Force New Arrivals and Fort Chaffee, recommended the applicant for award of the JSCM for meritorious service performed between 25 August 1975 and 31 March 1976. The Board's review established that the applicant's DA Form 20 does not list the JSCM among his authorized awards. Further, the record contains no official orders awarding the JSCM. The applicant provided a DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award); however, the document is incomplete and does not satisfy the requirements of the governing regulation for substantiating award entitlement. Without properly issued orders or a completed recommendation form, the evidence does not establish that the applicant was formally awarded the JSCM. Therefore, the Board denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	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.

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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) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Joint Service Commendation Medal was authorized by the SECDEF on 25 June 1963. It is awarded in the name of the SECDEF to Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 1 January 1963, distinguished them-selves by meritorious achievement or service. The prescribing directive, including processing instructions and approval authorities, for the Joint Service Commendation Medal is DODM 1348.33, Volume 4.

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