

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011408

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Permanent Orders 103-1, Headquarters, 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Riley, 14 June 1984
- DA Form 4980-18 (Army Achievement Medal Certificate), 31 May 1984
- DA Form 4980-18, 15 October 1984
- 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 he recently made a request for replacement medals and was informed there was no record of a second Army Achievement Medal. The second medal was sent to his home upon the expiration of his term of service.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 August 1981. He served in military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman).
4. On 12 October 1984, he was honorably released from active duty upon the expiration of his term of service. The DD Form 214 he was issued lists the:
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Army Achievement Medal
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Medal with Rifle Bar (M-16)
 - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Medal with Grenade Bar
 - Army Good Conduct Medal

5. The applicant provides orders and a certificate for the Army Achievement Medal. He further provides a second certificate for the Army Achievement Medal for meritorious service from 29 January 1982 to 12 October 1984, but no orders.

6. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions. The Board noted the applicant served honorably in military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman) and was released from active duty on 12 October 1984. His DD Form 214 already reflects award of the Army Achievement Medal, along with the Army Service Ribbon, Army Good Conduct Medal.

2. The applicant provided official orders and a certificate for the AAM, as well as a second certificate for meritorious service from 29 January 1982 to 12 October 1984. Although the second certificate is not accompanied by orders, the Board found the evidence sufficient to establish entitlement to a second award of the Army Achievement Medal. Therefore, the Board agreed the applicant's DD Form 214 should be corrected to show the Army Achievement Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster. Based on this, the Board granted relief.

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 relief. 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 12 October 1984 by adding the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Award):

X //SIGNED//

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 prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. The Army Achievement Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States, who while serving in a noncombat area on or after 1 August 1981, distinguished themselves by meritorious service or achievement. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.
3. Army Regulation 15-185 prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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