

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011474

APPLICANT REQUESTS: his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) be corrected to show the:

- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Ribbon

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)
- Document titled "Awards Record"

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 that he briefly served in the U.S. Army; he would like the awards reflected on his service records. Based on the criteria he meets the requirements for the awards. He is not requesting any benefits.
3. A review of the applicant's record shows:
 - a. The applicant enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve on 19 October 2010.
 - b. He was placed on active duty for training on 7 February 2011.
 - c. His DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows he was discharged from active duty with an uncharacterized character of service on 26 April 2011; due to failed medical/physical/procurement standards. His DD Form 214 further shows he completed 2 months and 20 days of active-duty service. His DD Form 214 does not list any awards.

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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The Board majority determined that based on regulatory guidance the applicant met criteria for the requested relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>		<u>Mbr 2</u>		<u>Mbr 3</u>	
XX	:		:	XX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:		XX	:		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 his DD Form 214, for the period ending 26 April 2011 to show award of the:

- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service 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. The ABCMR is not an investigative body and decides cases based on the evidence that is presented in the military records provided and the independent evidence submitted with the application. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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

a. The Army Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award upon successful completion of initial entry training. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an Active Army status on or after 1 August 1981.

b. The National Defense Service Medal is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 July 1950 and 27 July 1954, 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, and 11 September 2001 and a date to be determined. Second and subsequent awards of the National Defense Service Medal are denoted by a bronze service star affixed to the National Defense Service Medal.

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