

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240012341

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

- Senior Parachutist Badge
- Army Commendation Medal
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (M-16) Rifle and Grenade
- Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation): his current mailing address
- Block 19b (Nearest Relative): replace with daughter's name

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate of Achievement, Jumpmaster Course, 14 February 1990
- DA Form 638-1 (Recommendation for Award of LM and Below) undated
- Army Commendation Medal Certificate, 13 September 1990
- Divorce Decree, State of Georgia, 11 December 2012

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 his Senior Parachutist Badge and Army Commendation Medal are missing from his DD Form 214. He would also like his qualification for the (M-16) rifle and grenade verified, he thought he qualified as an expert in both. In block 19a, he would like it to show his current address. The DD Form 214 shows in Block 19b his now ex-wife's name misspelled. He has been divorced since 11 December 2012 and would like to replace her name with his daughter's name, Ms. SJB.
3. The applicant provides:

- a. A certificate of achievement for successfully completing the Jumpmaster Course, class 5-90, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 14 February 1990.
 - b. An undated DA Form 638-1 without signature page, which shows the applicant was recommended for the Army Commendation Medal.
 - c. An Army Commendation Medal Certificate awarded on 13 September 1990.
 - d. His Divorce Decree from the State of Georgia shows he was divorced on 11 December 2012.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
- a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 October 1987.
 - b. This record is void of the DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II).
 - c. Permanent Orders 76-10 dated 30 May 1990 show award of the Senior Parachutist Badge on 31 May 1990.
 - d. The service record does not include supporting documentation, to include orders of award of the Army Commendation Medal. The record is also void of qualification documentations for the rifle (M-16) and hand grenade.
 - e. He was honorably released from active duty on 1 August 1990. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 9 months and 19 days of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:
 - Army Service Ribbon
 - Army Lapel Button
 - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Rifle Badge (M-16)
 - Parachutist Badge
 - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Badge Grenade
 - Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon
 - Army Good Conduct Medal
 - Drivers Badge-W Bar

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The applicant’s contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

a. Army Commendation Medal. Grant. The Board was convinced by a preponderance of the evidence, specifically the Army Commendation Medal Certificate provided by the applicant for meritorious service while serving as a squad leader from 15 March 1988 to 1 August 1990.

b. Senior Parachutist Badge. Grant. The evidence of record shows Permanent Orders announced this award on 30 May 1990. The badge will be added to his DD Form 214.

c. Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (M-16) Rifle and Grenade. Deny. The Board found no justification to support the requested relief.

2. The Board further determined that relief was not warranted for a portion of the requested relief.

a. The DD Form 214 provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

b. Change the Mailing Address after Separation and the Nearest Relative. Deny. The information was correct at the time of separation and was authenticated by signature. Therefore, correction of the DD Form 214 is not warranted.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
XX	XX	XX	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant partial 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 1 August 1990, to show the:

- Senior Parachutist Badge
- Army Commendation Medal

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to any other requested relief not mentioned above.


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 (Military Awards) prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges.

a. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. Award of the Army Commendation Medal may be made on letter application to the Commander.

b. To be eligible for the Senior Parachutist Badge, an individual must have either graduated from the Jumpmaster Course of the Airborne Department of the Infantry School or the Jumpmaster School of a separate airborne battalion size or larger airborne unit; infantry divisions and separate infantry brigades containing organic airborne elements, to include the U.S. Army Alaska Jumpmaster Course; or served as jumpmaster on one or more combat jumps or as a jumpmaster on 15 noncombat jumps.

3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separations Processing and Documents), currently in effect, states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

a. Block 13: Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized. List all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service.

b. Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) states the data source is as provided by the Soldier. The address must be a permanent address. Enter street address, city, state, and zip code.

c. Block 19b (Nearest Relative) states the data source is provided by the Soldier. Advise the Soldier that the name and address of a relative should be someone who will

now the Soldier's location and address, at all times. When a relative is not available, list a close friend. Enter name, street address, city, state, and zip code.

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