

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 9 September 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240012859

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 21 September 2003 to show in Item 18 (Remarks) deployment to Iraq from 3 February 2003 to 21 September 2003.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Privacy Coversheet
- Permanent Orders Number 105-2, dated 15 April 2003
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award) with accompanying certificate, dated 1 August 2003, showing he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, by way of Permanent Order Number 213-24, for outstanding service during Operation Iraqi Freedom; Block 20 (Achievements) note mobilization from Grand Prairie, Texas to Camp Arifjan, Kuwait and missions that required flights into Baghdad, Iraq
- DA Form 638 with accompanying certificate, dated 18 August 2003, showing he was awarded the Air Medal for participation deploying over 600 military police with their weapons and equipment into central Baghdad, Iraq from between 10 February 2003 to 31 August 2003
- A Memorandum: Subject: Authorization for Wear of National Defense Service Medal for Mobilization in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraq Freedom beginning 3 February 2003
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 21 September 2003

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, in pertinent part:

- His DD Form 214 shows that he was ordered to active duty for mobilization, but it fails to list that he was in Iraq
- This is necessary and critical for him to receive current and future benefits available to him through the state and through the Department of Veterans Affairs
- He does not want to be denied any benefits due to his combat deployment not properly listed in his record

3. A review of the applicant's service record reflects the following:

- On 23 October 1992, he enlisted in the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG)
- Permanent Orders Number 105-2, dated 15 April 2003 was issued ordering him to active duty In Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, effective on or about 17 April 2003; Additional Instructions lists his authorized travel to Kuwait, Egypt, UAE, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkey and Jordan
- DD Form 214, ending 21 September 2003 reflects honorable release from active duty with service from 3 February 2003 to 21 September 2003 for a net service period of 7 months and 19 days
 - Item 12f (Foreign Service) shows 4 months and 11 days
 - Item 18 (Remarks) shows "Ordered to active duty in Support of Operation Enduring Freedom"
- On 16 August 2005, a Memorandum, Subject: Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60 (Twenty Year Letter) was issued
- Orders Number 030-1023, dated 30 January 2007 was issued for honorable discharge from the TXARNG and assignment to the Retired Reserve effective 30 April 2007
- NGB Form 55b (Honorable Discharge Certificate) was issued recognizing his discharge from the TXARNG effective 30 April 2007
- His record is void of any instruments showing he served in Iraq during his deployment
- His record is void of the NGB Form 22 (National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service)

4. On 28 May 2025, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Financial Management Specialist provided an email response to the ABCMR request for deployment verification, confirming the applicant was in the combat zone, Kuwait, in April and May 2003.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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 Board reviewed the military pay account provided by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The Board noted the applicant’s contention of his service in theater; however, found his contention to be insufficient to award foreign service credit without verification. Therefore, the Board determined there was no error or injustice to support amending his record and 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
XX	XX	XX	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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents) in effect at the time, provides the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. For item 18; use this block for entries required by Headquarters Department of the Army for which a separate block is not available and for completing entries that are too long for their blocks. Effective with the version of the regulation dated 15 September 2000, item 18 will state "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD -YYYYMMDD).

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//