

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013348

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the:

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal (3d Award)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 4980-18 (The Army Achievement Medal Certificate) (3)
- DA Form 4980-18 (The Army Commendation Medal Certificate)
- DA Form 256A (Honorable Discharge Certificate)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 18 August 1971

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 respectfully requests his DD Form 214 be corrected to show accurate service and performance. He would like to add his third Army Achievement Medal and his Army Commendation Medal.
3. The applicant provides an Army Commendation Medal Certificate dated 19 January 1993, for meritorious service as the company armorer from 24 June 1990 through 9 March 1993.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 March 1990.

b. A DA Form 2-1 (Enlisted Qualification Record) item 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns) shows two Army Achievement Medals and is void of the Army Commendation Medal.

c. On 4 March 1992, a DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award) shows the applicant was awarded his first Army Achievement Medal with a proposed presentation date of 30 April 1992; however, the second page with orders number was not available.

d. On 20 January 1993, an Army Achievement Medal Certificate, Permanent Order number 33-48 was awarded to the applicant for meritorious achievement as an armorer during the exercise to Fort A.P. Hill.

e. On 23 February 1993, a DA Form 638 shows the applicant was awarded his second Army Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Permanent Order #33-48.

f. On 12 March 1993, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Achievement Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster
- Air Assault Badge
- Army Good Conduct Medal

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 was convinced by a preponderance of the evidence, specifically the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal Certificates provided by the applicant for his meritorious service and achievement. The Board concluded the Army Commendation Medal and Army Achievement Medal (3d Award) were awarded to the applicant and will be added to his DD Form 214.


BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
XX	XX	XX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 12 March 1993 to show award of the:

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

  
**X** //SIGNED//  


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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) states the Army Commendation Medal may be awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes himself or herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.
3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, 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.

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