

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013361

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

- the Meritorious Service Medal
- his current mailing address in Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Meritorious Service Medal Certificate, awarded on 4 May 2023
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 30 June 2023
- Octopus Energy, Electric Bill, 19 August 2024
- City of Sugar Land, Water Bill, 15 August 2024

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he would like to add his Meritorious Service Medal and update his mailing address as listed in his electric and water bill, [REDACTED]

2. The applicant provides:

a. A certificate showing award of the Meritorious Service Medal for service from 20 August 2020 to 30 June 2023.

b. An electric and water bill showing his mailing address as [REDACTED]

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

a. Orders Number 64-19-A-2130, 21 September 2015 shows the applicant was appointed as a Regular Army commissioned officer on 23 September 2015.

b. Orders Number 0004638138.00, 4 May 2023 shows award of the Meritorious Service Medal awarded on 30 June 2023.

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 30 June 2023. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 7 years, 9 months, and 8 days of active service. Block 19a (Mailing Address after Separation) shows an address in Little Elm, TX. The form was authenticated with the applicant's digital signature. It also shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Commendation Medal (2nd Award)
- Army Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon

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. The Board was convinced by a preponderance of the evidence, specifically the Meritorious Service Medal Certificate provided by the applicant for meritorious service during his assignment at the Womack Army Medical Center given on 4 May 2023. The Board concluded the Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to the applicant and will be added to his DD Form 214.

2. The Board further determined that the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. The information entered on the DD Form 214 reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. As a result, the Board found the applicant's request to update Block 19a to reflect his current address is unwarranted.

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 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 30 June 2023 to show award of the Meritorious Service 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.



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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 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. 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.

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