

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 2 September 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013411

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

- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Bronze Star Medal

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military 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 it is his understanding that he is now able to wear the Iraq Service Ribbon and possibly the Bronze Star Medal and any additional awards associated with his time in service. He would like this to be investigated for his child's record in the event of this passing.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 February 2002.
  - b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in:
    - item 9 (Awards, Decoration and Campaigns) – No entry for the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Bronze Star Medal.
  - c. On 12 February 2004, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years of active service. It also shows in:

d. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) –

- Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Air Force)
- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Army Lapel Button
- Army Service Ribbon

b. Item 18 (Remarks) – service in Kuwait from 3 August 2002 to 22 September 2002 and service in Kuwait/Iraq from 7 January 2003 to 14 July 2003.

4. His record does not contain evidence that shows he was recommended for or awarded the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Bronze Star Medal.

#### 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 evidence of record shows the applicant served on active duty between 13 February 2002 and 12 February 2004. He deployed to Kuwait 3 August 2002 to 22 September 2002 and Kuwait/Iraq from 7 January 2003 to 14 July 2003. His DD Form 214 shows he was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal which is awarded for U.S. military operations and engagement in actual combat or equally hazardous as combat duty with armed opposition. Army Regulation 600-8-22 precludes the issuance of the Iraq Campaign Medal for personnel who receive Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same action, time period, or service. The applicant's official record does not show he was recommended or awarded the Bronze Star Medal, and the applicant does not provide any supporting documentation to support award of the Bronze Star Medal. Therefore, the Board denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

| <u>Mbr 1</u> | <u>Mbr 2</u> | <u>Mbr 3</u> |                      |
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| :            | :            | :            | GRANT FULL RELIEF    |
| :            | :            | :            | GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF |
| :            | :            | :            | GRANT FORMAL HEARING |
| XXX          | XXX          | 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.

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), currently in effect, prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The Ira Campaign Medal is awarded to Servicemembers who served in the AOE from or after 19 March 2003 to 31 December 2011. Servicemember must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility (AOE) for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- be engaged in combat during as armed engagement, regardless of the time in the AOE
- while participating in an operation or on official duties, is killed, wounded, or injured and required medical evacuation from the AOE
- While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the AOE in direct support of the military operations. Each day of operations counts as 1 day of eligibility

b. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded in time of war for heroism and for meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required. Only one decoration will be awarded to an individual or unit for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//