

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 9 September 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013731

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Iraq Campaign Medal

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 23 September 2024
- 125th Forward Support Battalion, Memorandum for Record (Proof of Service), 11 August 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 he was deployed to Iraq in 2003 with the 125th Forward Support Battalion, 3 Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Riley, KS. He was in Iraq for almost six months.
3. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 12 September 1995.
4. The applicant's service record does not contain, and he did not provide evidence of deployment orders, award orders, or overseas service credit showing he was deployed to Iraq or authorized award of the Iraq Campaign Medal.
5. On 30 November 2003, he was honorably discharged from active duty. His DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows he completed 8 years, 2 months, and 19 days of active service with 2 years, 10 months, and 11 days of foreign service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:
  - Army Lapel Pen
  - Army Commendation Medal (3rd Award)
  - Army Achievement Medal (6th Award)

- National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar.

6. The Iraq Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of the country of Iraq, the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.

7. The applicant provided a Memorandum for Record (Proof of Service), 11 August 2003, certifying that the applicant served with the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 125th Forward Support Battalion, 3 Brigade Combat Team during Operation Iraqi Freedom from 27 April 2003 to 13 August 2003. (Note: The memorandum is not signed by his commander)

#### 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 found insufficient evidence to support the applicant's claim that he was authorized the ICM and that he met all the regulatory requirements to be authorized the award of the ICM and therefore, the Board determined his request did not have merit and denied his request.

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.

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, USC, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within three years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the three-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) provides Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military decorations. The Iraq Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). The area of eligibility encompasses all the land area of

the country of Iraq, the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles. The Iraq Campaign Medal period of eligibility is on or after 19 March 2003 through 31 December 2011. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign. Approved campaigns are:

- Liberation of Iraq (19 March 2003-1 May 2003)
- Transition of Iraq (2 May 2003-28 June 2004)
- Iraqi Governance (29 June 2004-15 December 2005)
- National Resolution (16 December 2005-9 January 2007)
- Iraqi Surge (10 January 2007-31 December 2008)
- Iraqi Sovereignty (1 January 2009-31 August 2010)
- New Dawn (1 September 2010-31 December 2011)

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//