

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 9 September 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013907

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the service period ending 31 October 1999, to show award of the Humanitarian Service Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214

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 would like the Humanitarian Service Medal added to his DD Form 214 for the period of 16 April 1997; however, there is no mission listed.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 May 1983.

b. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows in:

- item 9 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns): void of medal requested
- item 35 (Record of Assignments): void of 16 April 1997 mission or assignment and shows applicant assigned to Fort Bragg NC effective 18 July 1996

c. On 31 October 1999, he was retired from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 20 years and 8 days of active service, he was awarded or authorized:

- Meritorious Service Medal

- Army Commendation Medal (3rd award)
- Army Achievement Medal (5th award)
- Army Superior Unit Award
- Army Good Conduct Medal (4th award)
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 bronze service stars
- Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3
- Overseas Service Ribbon (2nd award)
- Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Kuwait Liberation Medal – Saudi Arabia
- Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait
- Parachutist Badge
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver -Tank Bar
- Driver and Mechanic Badge with Driver -Wheeled Bar

4. The applicant's available service record does not contain orders for award of the Humanitarian Service 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 Board found insufficient evidence to show he distinguished himself in direct participation in a Department of Defense approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature to warrant the HSM. Therefore, the Board determined the applicant did not meet the requirements for the award of the HSM 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, USC, 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 Humanitarian Service Medal is awarded to members who, after 1 April 1975, distinguished themselves by meritorious direct participation in a Department of Defense approved significant military act or operation of a humanitarian nature. A service member must be on active duty at the time of direct participation, must have directly participated in the humanitarian act or operation within the designated geographical area of operation and within specified time limits, and must provide evidence that substantiates direct participation.

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