

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 November 2023

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230004256

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 19 August 1968 to show award of the:

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
- Overseas Service Ribbon

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552)
- 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 the Korea Defense Service Medal, Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and Overseas Service Ribbon were authorized after he was discharged.
3. The applicant's records show he received overseas tour credit for service in Korea from 20 June 1967 to 17 August 1968 while assigned to the 7th Administrative Company, 7th Infantry Division, from 26 June 1967 to 16 August 1968. Additionally, Department of the Army General Orders Number 50, 9 November 1971, confirmed award of the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation to the 7th Infantry Division for the period 17 September 1950 to 27 March 1971. As a result, the portion of his request pertaining to award of the Korea Defense Service Medal and Republic of Korea

Presidential Unit Citation will be addressed through an administrative correction and will not be discussed further in this record of proceedings.

4. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:

- a. item 31(Foreign Service), he received overseas tour credit for service in U.S. Army Pacific-Korea from 20 June 1967 through 17 August 1968
- b. item 38 (Record of Assignments), he was assigned to the 7th Administration Company, 7th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Pacific as a personnel specialist from 26 June 1967 through 16 August 1968; and

- d. item 41 (Awards and Decorations), no Overseas Service Ribbon.

5. On 19 August 1968, he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement). His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 9 months, and 5 days of net active service.

- a. Item 22c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) of his DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year and 2 months of foreign service in U.S. Army Pacific.

- b. Item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

- c. Item 30 (Remarks) of his DD Form 214 does not contain an entry showing his inclusive dates of service in Korea.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the applicant's military records, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence to grant award of the overseas service ribbon. Evidence in the record show the applicant was assigned to the 7th Administration Company, 7th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Pacific as a personnel

specialist from 26 June 1967 through 16 August 1968. The Board agreed the applicant met the criteria for award of the overseas service ribbon. Therefore, the Board granted relief.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 for the period ending 19 August 1968 to show award of the Overseas Service Ribbon (OSR).

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

The applicant is authorized administrative correction of his DD Form 214 to show the following entries without Board action:

a. item 24 –

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

b. item 30 – "Korea – 20 Jun 67 to 17 Aug 68, Indochina – No, Vietnam – No, Korea – Yes."

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) prescribes Department of the Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. Paragraph 5-4 states the Overseas Service Ribbon is awarded to Soldiers of the U.S. Army for successful completion of overseas tours. Effective 1 August 1981, all Soldiers of the Regular Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for this award. The ribbon may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who were credited with successful completion of an overseas tour before 1 August 1981 provided they had a Regular Army status on or after 1 August 1981.

3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), effective 23 May 1972, stated to indicate Indochina and Korea service performed on or after 5 August 1964 in item 30 of the DD Form 214 by entering inclusive dates of service for Vietnam and indicating "Yes" or "No" for service in Indochina and Korea.

a. To show service in Vietnam only, enter "Vietnam – (inclusive dates; e.g., 25 Apr 70 through 28 May 71), Indochina – Yes, Korea – No."

b. To show service in Indochina (other than Vietnam) only, enter "Indochina – Yes, Vietnam – No, Korea – No."

c. To show service in Korea only, enter "Indochina – No, Vietnam – No, Korea – Yes."

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