

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 15 December 2023

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230006723

APPLICANT REQUESTS: his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) be updated to show in Item 23a (Specialty Number & Title) 95B (Military Policeman) instead of 83F (Offset Pressman).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), 2 September 1969

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 is requesting that his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) be changed on his DD Form 214 to reflect 95B, as indicated in his service records, instead of 83F because it causes confusion when his records are being viewed for filing of disability benefits.
3. The applicant provides a copy of his DA Form 20.
4. A review of the applicant's records shows:
 - a. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 25 August 1969.
 - b. His DA Form 20 shows the following:
 - Item 8 (Duty MOS): 98B
 - Item 22 (Military Occupational Specialties):
 - Primary Military Occupational Specialty (PMOS) – 83F (Platemaker)

- Secondary Military Occupational Specialty (SMOS) – 95B (Military Policeman)
- Item 38 (Record of Assignments):
 - 18 November 1969 to 10 April 1970, 95B10, Military Policeman, Bravo Company, 518th Military Police Battalion, Fort Hood, TX
 - 11 April 1970 to 31 October 1970, 95B20, Military Policeman, Bravo Company, 518th Military Police Battalion, Fort Hood, TX
 - 1 November 1970 to 23 August 1971, 95B20, Military Policeman, 410th Military Police Company, Fort Hood, TX

c. Assignment Memorandum Number 238, dated 17 November 1969, shows the applicant was assigned to Company Bravo, 518th Military Police Battalion, for on-the-job training in MOS 95B, with a reporting date of 17 November 1969.

d. Special Orders Number 29, issued by Headquarters, III Corps & Fort Hood, Fort Hood, TX, dated 2 February 1970, awarded him the SMOS of 95B.

e. He was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve on 24 August 1971. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years of active service. It also shows in Item 23a (Specialty Number & Title), 83F (Offset Pressman).

5. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations-Separation Documents), in effect at the time, for Item 23a, enter primary MOS code number, title, and date of award.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's contentions, the military record, and applicable regulatory guidance. The Board agreed that documentation available for review most often reflects MOS 95B. Although a portion of the documentation reflects the contested MOS, the preponderance such as special orders and DA Form 20 reflect the requested MOS, 95B. After due consideration of the applicant's request, the Board determined the evidence presented sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief and a correction to his record to show his MOS as Military Policeman with the corresponding new specialty number of 31B is warranted.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 DD214 to show in:

- block 23a (Specialty Number and Title): 31b Military Police
- block 23b (Related Civilian Occupation and D.O.T Number): 0083 Police Officer

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CHAIRPERSON

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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.

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 635-5 (Personnel Separation - Separation Documents), in effect at the time, established standardized procedures for the preparation and distribution of separation documents. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It stated for Item 23a (Specialty Number & Title), enter primary MOS code number, title, and date of award.
3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, prescribes the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It states for Block 11 (Primary Specialty), enter the titles of all MOSs or areas of concentration (AOCs) awarded and held for at least 1 year during the current period of service and include for each MOS/AOC the number of years and months held. For an enlisted Soldier, specify the first five characters of the military occupational specialty code (MOSC), which includes three characters of the MOS, the fourth character of skill and grade level in the MOS, and the fifth character of a special qualification identifier, if applicable. Secondary, additional MOS and/or AOC will not be listed if held for less than 1 year.

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