

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007461

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of his previous request for correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), 6 April 1968
- DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214), 28 June 2021
- Personal Statement
- Statement in Support of Claim
- Page 3 of his 4-page DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)
- Memorandum, 15 July 2022, Returned Without Action, U.S. Army Human Resources Command

FACTS:

1. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20210015182, on 8 June 2022.

2. The applicant states he earned this award (Meritorious Unit Commendation) in Okinawa, but it was left out of his records. He was a team chief in the 267th Chemical Company in Okinawa. He is 77 years old, and he does not have much time left to argue about this award. He has applied for this award to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, but they returned his request without action because he already had an application with this Board.

3. Review of the applicant's service records shows:

a. The applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States and entered active duty on 13 April 1966. He completed the Chemical Entry Course at Fort McClellan, AL on 26 August 1966, and was awarded military occupational specialty (MOS) 54B.

b. He completed OJT (On the Job Training) in MOS 54E (Chemical Staff Specialist) at Fort Hood, TX, and was awarded primary MOS 54E on 31 October 1966; however, he did not complete a formal resident training for this course/MOS.

c. Following his Fort Hood assignment, the applicant served in Okinawa from 22 February 1967 to 6 April 1968, a period of 1 year, 6 months, and 16 days of foreign service.

d. In Okinawa, he was assigned to 267th Chemical Company in duty MOS 54B (Decontamination Equipment Operator) and/or 54E (Chemical Staff Specialist). He was advanced to specialist five/E-5 on 19 February 1968.

e. He was honorably released from active duty on 6 April 1968. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 24 days of active service, of which 1 year, 6 months, and 16 days was foreign service. His DD Form 214 shows in Block 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- National Defense Service Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- Expert Marksmanship Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)

f. On 16 April 2015 (ABCMR Docket Number AR20140014593), the Board granted him relief with respect to adding his training course. As a result, on 14 May 2015, he was issued a DD Form 215 that added the Chemical Entry Course to item 25.

g. On 13 November 2019 (ABCMR Docket Number AR20170017254), the Board granted relief with respect to his Honorable Discharge Certificate. As a result, on 28 June 2021, the Board he was issued a DD Form 215 that added the DD Form 256A (Honorable Discharge Certificate).

h. On 8 June 2022 (ABCMR Docket Number AR20210015182), upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined the evidence in the record shows the applicant was not assigned to the unit when it was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation. The Board denied this portion of his request.

4. According to Department of the Army (DA) Pamphlet 672-3 (Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register), the 267th Chemical Company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation from 31 October 1965 to 31 December 1966 by DA General Orders Number 55, dated 1968. (The applicant was not assigned to 267th Chemical Company at the time it was awarded this unit award.)

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is not warranted.

2. The Board noted that permanent authorization to wear a unit award requires that a Soldier was assigned to the unit and present for duty during the period for which the unit received the award. Soldiers assigned to a unit after a period for which the unit was cited for an award are authorized temporary wear of the unit citation badge only while they are assigned to the unit. The Board found the evidence confirms the applicant was assigned to the 267th Chemical Company after the period for which the unit received the Meritorious Unit Commendation. Therefore, he was not permanently authorized to wear this unit citation. The Board determined the evidence does not support adding the Meritorious Unit Commendation to his DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
■	■	■	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.

5/6/2024

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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. Department of the Army Pamphlet 672-1 (Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register), shows the 267th Chemical Company was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation from 31 October 1965 to 31 December 1966 by Department of the Army (DA) General Orders Number 55, dated 1968, which amended DA General Orders Number 30, dated 1968.

2. Army Regulation 670-1 (Wear and Appearance of Army Uniform and Insignia) states a unit award is given to an operating unit and worn by members of that unit who participated in the cited action. Some unit awards are also authorized for temporary wear by other personnel while actually serving in the cited unit. A listing of U.S. unit awards authorized for wear on the Army uniform in their order of precedence, includes the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army).

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