

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 February 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007533

APPLICANT REQUESTS: reconsideration of his previous request for:

- correction of his DD 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for service ending 28 February 1962 to show he participated in Operation Long Pass 1961 Okinawa, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam
- attended the Arabic language course
- service connected disability for Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and right shoulder injury

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Headquarters (HQs), U.S. Army Hospital U.S. Army Medical Service Group, Verification and/or Revision of Profile
- 9th Logistical Command Exercise Long Pass access document
- multiple photographs
- newspaper article
- e-mail from [REDACTED]
- U.S. Armed Forces Institute Japan Military Test Report
- partial DA Form 24 (Service Record)
- partial DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)
- Veteran Administration letter
- Arabic writing

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 AR20200002409 on 24 February 2022. The Board further determined the evidence presented was insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to all other requested relief.

2. The applicant states in effect, he requests reconsideration of his previous request for the correction of his DD Form 214 for service ending 28 February 1962 to show he participated in Operation Long Pass in Okinawa, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam; attending the Arabic Language course and he has a service connected disability for TBI and a right shoulder injury.

3. The Board will not consider the applicant's request for service connected disability for a TBI and a right shoulder injury are not within the purview of this Board. Title 38, U.S. Code, sections 1110 and 1131, permits the VA to award compensation for medical conditions incurred in or aggravated by active military service. The VA, in accordance with its own policies and regulations, awards compensation solely on the basis that a medical condition exists and that said medical condition reduces or impairs the social or industrial adaptability of the individual concerned.

4. The Board will only consider and address the applicant's request for the correction of his DD Form 214 for service ending 28 February 1962 to add an Arabic language course and participation in Operation Long Pass 1961 Okinawa, Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

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

a. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army (RA) on 1 December 1958 with no prior military service.

b. DA Form 24 shows in:

- Section 5 (Service Outside Continental U.S.)
  - Japan arrived 17 March 1960 (unknown departure)
  - Korea arrived 23 March 1960 – departure 8 May 1960
  - Okinawa arrived 8 May 1960 – departure 23 August 1961
  - Germany arrived 11 November 1962 (unknown departure)

c. DA Form 20 shows in:

- Item 26 (Military Education) – Lineman at Fort Gordon, GA in 1959
- Item 29 (Foreign Service):
  - Okinawa during the period of February 1960 through September 1961
  - Unknown location during the period of 8 November 1962 through 11 September 1965
  - Korea during the period of 15 March 1960 through 7 May 1960
  - Okinawa during the period of 8 May 1960 through 6 September 1961

d. The applicant was honorably released from active duty on 28 February 1962 and assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR). DD Form 214 shows the applicant completed 3-years, 2-months and 28-days. It also shows in items:

- 24c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) – 1-year, 5-months, and 21-days
- 28 (Service Schools or Colleges, College Training Courses and/or Post-Graduate Courses Successfully Completed) – U.S. Army Signal School during the period of 6 December 1958 through 20 February 1959 Lineman course
- 29 (Other Service Training Courses Successfully Completed) – High School Equivalency

e. The applicant's service record is void of his discharge from the USAR.

f. The applicant enlisted in the RA on 2 October 1962. DD Form 4 (Enlistment Record Armed Forces of the United States) shows in item 24c (Civilian Education - College) 2-years Arabic he did not graduate.

g. The applicant was honorably discharge from active duty on 3 June 1964. DD Form 214 shows the applicant completed 1-year, 8-months, and 2-days of active service. It also shows in items:

- 18f (Foreign and/or Sea Service This Period) – 1-year, 6-months, and 24-days
- 27 (Remarks) – last period of overseas service performed in Germany and completed Introduction to Nuclear Weapons Course

6. The applicant provides:

a. HQs, U.S. Army Hospital U. S Army Medical Service Group Ryukyu Islands dated 18 July 1960 shows the applicant was issued a temporary physical profile for a right shoulder injury that limited his activities of no upper extremity calisthenics, push-ups, pull-ups or hand-to-hand combat training until released on 1 August 1960.

b. Undated 9th Logistical Command, Access Authorization Pass, Control Number 10, with a portion of visible letter head reading "Exercise Long Pass Camp Den, PI," this pass does not name the applicant.

c. The applicant provides a total of 13 xeroxed photographs of 133 Signal Battalion in preparation to depart for Operation Long Pass which handwritten notes and show what appears to be military men serving in the field and on military water vessels. The applicant states these pictures display his transit in route to Operation Long Pass in

1961, and his service in Southeast Asia Formosa, Taiwan and Vietnam, to include service at sea.

d. Newspaper article stating that Army Specialist Four [REDACTED] participated in a mobility training exercise at Clark Air Base in the Philippines with the 9th Logistical Command which included 6,000 Army and Air Force personnel from the continental U.S., Hawaii, Okinawa and the Philippines which ended on 22 February. The applicant's name was not mentioned in the article.

e. E-mail from [REDACTED] which stated he participated in Operation Long Pass exercise in Korat, Thailand and Udom, Thailand. In February 1961, his company boarded a Landing Ship Tank (LST) for the Philippines for Operation Long Pass. They spent 6-days sailing to Subic Bay and drove to Clark Air Force Base. The applicant was not mentioned as a participant by [REDACTED]

f. U.S. Armed Forces institute Japan Military Test Report General Educational Development Test – High School Level dated 7 July 1960 shows the applicant passed the examination.

g. Veteran Administration letter dated 25 July 1974 shows the applicant was in receipt of a disability compensation for service connected disability.

h. Seven pages of words and writing in English and Arabic which the applicant stated was a small portion of his Arabic

#### 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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined the applicant's records is absent sufficient evidence to support his contentions. Evidence shows that Operation Long Pass was a training exercise, and not recognized for annotation of the applicant's DD Form 214. The Board noted the applicant served in Okinawa and currently resides there now, however there is insufficient evidence the applicant served in the locations of the Philippines, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. The burden of proof rest on the applicant to support his contentions that he served in the requested locations. The applicant's record is absent any evidence he successfully attended an Arabic language course and graduated. The Board noted the applicant served in during peacetime, based on the preponderance of insufficient evidence the Board 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
■	■	■	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.

3/4/2024

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CHAIRPERSON  
[REDACTED]

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. Army Regulation (AR) Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations- Separation Forms), in effect at the time, established standardized procedures for preparation and distribution of the DD Form 214. The regulation stated, in pertinent part, to enter in item 28 of the DD Form 214 service schools including major courses which were successfully completed, military sponsored courses completed in civilian schools and colleges, and installation training courses (qualification courses), during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214. Item 29b (Enlisted Personnel), enter installation training courses (qualification courses), military correspondence courses, and off-duty courses the enlisted person has completed successfully during the period covered by

the DD Form 214 being prepared. There was no provision for entering training exercises or the locations of training exercises in the remarks section.

2. AR 635-8 (Personnel Separations - Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the transition processing function of the military personnel system. It provides principles of support, standards of service, policies, tasks, rules, and steps governing required actions in the field to support processing personnel for separation and preparation of separation documents. There was no provision for entering training exercises or the locations of training exercises in the remarks section.

a. Paragraph 5-6l (Block 12: Record of Service), (6) Block 12f: (Foreign Service), enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18.

b. Paragraph 5-6n (Block 14: Military Education), list all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1-week or 40-hours duration. (As an exception to full-time attendance, list Command and General Staff College and Senior Service Colleges completed by correspondence courses). Include course title, length in weeks, and year completed. This information is to assist the Soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills. When in doubt, refer to the American Council of Education's Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Service for commonly accepted course titles to determine its usefulness to the Soldier after transition from the Army. Acceptable source documents include the enlisted record brief, DA Form 4037 (Officer Record Brief), DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report), or other military issued certificate of completion with from and through dates or number of weeks.

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