

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230008371

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show both primary specialties he held: 11H, Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Infantryman, and 44B, Metal Worker.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)

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 needs an updated DD Form 214 that reflect both of his military occupational specialties (MOS) 11H, Heavy Anti Armor Weapons Infantryman, at Fort Carson, CO and 44B, Meal Worker, at Fort Hood, TX. He needs this update for VA (Department of Veterans Affairs) purposes.
3. Review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 19 March 1981. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) shows he completed 12 weeks of one station unit training at Fort Benning, GA and was awarded military occupational specialty (MOS) 11H, Heavy Anti Armor Weapons Infantryman, around 11 June 1981.
 - b. Upon completion of training, he was reassigned to various units at Fort Carson, CO, beginning on or about 26 June 1981. His DA Form 2-1 shows he was assigned in duty MOS 11H, with a principal duty of "Metal Worker."
 - c. On or about 11 June 1982, he was reassigned to 597th Maintenance Company, Fort Hood, TX, in duty MOS 44B, Metal Worker/Welder.

d. He was honorably released from active duty on 18 March 1982 after completing 3 years of active service. His DD Form 214 shows in: Block 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title, and Years and Months in Specialty) 44B, Metal Worker, 2 years and 1 month

4. His service record does not contain orders awarding him either MOS.

5. By regulation (AR 635-5) the DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.

2. The Board found the evidence confirms the applicant completed training for and was awarded MOS 11H. While this was his duty MOS only for a short period, the Board found the MOS should have been listed on his DD Form 214 to comply with the instructions for completing the form. The Board determined the applicant's DD Form 214 should be corrected by adding MOS 11H.


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 adding the following to item 11 of his DD Form 214: "11H10, Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman, 9 months."


XCHAIRPERSON


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 (Separation Documents) establishes the standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service. Item 11 shows the primary specialty, title, and years and months in the primary specialty (during the period covered by the DD Form 214). For an enlisted Soldier, also specify the first 5 characters of the primary MOS Code, which includes the 3 characters of the MOS, the fourth character of skill and grade level in the MOS, and the fifth character of a special qualification identifier (SQI), if applicable. Enter "O" when not applicable.

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