

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230010096

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of:

- Utah National Guard Basic Training Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon (ASR)
- California National Guard Drill Attendance
- Honorable Discharge Certificate
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Ribbon [Medal] (ARCAM)
- National Defense Service Ribbon [Medal] (NDSM)

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), for the period ending 22 October 1966
- Two NGB Forms 55 (Honorable Discharge Certificate), issued 23 April 1967 and 12 May 1972
- NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service), for the period ending 12 May 1972
- Certificate of Military Service, American Legion Membership

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's application contains the request for award of the Utah National Guard Basic Training Ribbon and the California National Guard Drill Attendance [Ribbon]. These awards are State awards; by regulation, state awards and decorations will be entered on the NGB Form 22 upon separation from the ARNG. Therefore, consideration of these awards will not further be discussed in these proceedings. The applicant may apply to his State for request of these awards. The Board will consider

award of the ASR, ARCAM, NDSM, and issuance of an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

3. The applicant states he believes his service in the Army from 1966 to 1972 may qualify for the ribbons [medals] mentioned. His family is getting things in order due to his age.

4. The applicant provides:

- NGB Form 22 which shows he was honorably discharged on 12 May 1972 from the Utah ARNG after serving 5 years and 19 days of service; he was awarded or authorized the Rifle M1 Sharpshooter on 19 October 1968
- two Honorable Discharge Certificates from the Utah ARNG, dated 23 April 1967 and 12 May 1972
- Certificate of Military Service showing he meets the requirements set forth by the Congress of the U.S. for Membership in the American Legion

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

a. He enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG) on 13 January 1966.

b. He was ordered to active duty on 17 April 1966 to complete initial active duty for training (IADT). He was honorably released and returned to the ARNG to complete his remaining service obligation.

c. His DD Form 214 shows he was honorably released on 22 October 1966 after serving 6 months and 6 days of active service. He was awarded or authorized the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Rifle).

6. By regulation, the NDSM is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954 both dates inclusive between 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974 both dates inclusive, and 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined. For this award, the following persons will not be considered as performing active service: Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve forces personnel in short tours of duty to fulfill training obligations under an in-active-duty training program.

7. By regulation, the ASR was awarded to successful completion of initial entry training. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserves in an active Reserves status are eligible for this award. The ribbon may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an Active Army status as defined above on or after 1 August 1981.

8. By regulation, the ARCAM was awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of an ARNG or U S. Army Reserve troop program unit (TPU) or as an individual mobilization augmentee (IMA). The ARCAM is authorized for award to Army personnel including AGR officers in the rank of colonel and below. Individuals must have been a member of an ARNG unit of USAR TPU, excluding Soldiers in an AGR status.

9. By regulation, a DD Form 256A (Honorable Discharge Certificate) is issued to all Soldiers receiving an honorable discharge.

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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The applicant served in the ARNG from 13 January 1966 to 12 May 1972.

a. Utah National Guard Basic Training Ribbon and California National Guard Drill Attendance: Deny. By regulation, State awards are not annotated on the DD Form 214.

b. National Defense Service Medal: Deny. Although the National Defense Service Medal is authorized for honorable active service between 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, for this award, the following persons will not be considered as performing active service: ARNG personnel in short tours of duty to fulfill training obligations under an in-active-duty training program. The applicant was in training from 17 April to 22 October 1966.

c. Army Service Ribbon: Deny. This award was created in 1981. It may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an Active Army status as defined above on or after 1 August 1981. The applicant did not have an active status after August 1981.

d. Army Reserve Components Achievement Ribbon: Deny. This is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of an ARNG in good standing (meaning the Soldier earned 50 or more qualifying retirement points in each year) for 4 years, or 3 years, depending on the time frame being considered. There is insufficient evidence to establish if the applicant was in good standing.

r. Honorable Discharge Certificate: The applicant has already been issued an Honorable Discharge Certificate by the Utah Army national Guard and provided the Board with a copy of this certificate.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
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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.

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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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The National Defense Service Medal (para 2-10) is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954 both dates inclusive between 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974 both dates inclusive, and 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined. For this award, the following persons will not be considered as performing active service: Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve forces personnel in short tours of duty to fulfill training obligations under an in-active-duty training program:

b. The Army Service Ribbon (para 5-5) was awarded to successful completion of initial entry training. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and U.S. Army Reserves in an active Reserves status are eligible for this award. The ribbon may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an Active Army status as defined above on or after 1 August 1981.

c. The Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (para 4-10) was awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of an ARNG or U.S. Army Reserve troop program unit (TPU) or as an individual mobilization augmentee (IMA). The ARCAM is authorized for award to Army personnel including AGR officers in the rank of colonel and below. Individuals must have been a member of an ARNG unit of USAR TPU, excluding Soldiers in an AGR status.

3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), paragraph 9-1, prescribes the transition processing function of the military personnel system. This new regulation provides principles of supporting, 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. The DD Form 256A (Honorable Discharge Certificate) is issued to all Soldiers receiving an honorable discharge.

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