

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 12 Jun 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012358

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect he was awarded Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 11D (Flamethrower).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Request for MOS change
- DA Form 1049 (Personnel Action)
- DD Form 214 for service ending 20 August 1967
- Page 3 of DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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 in effect, he requests the correction of his DD Form 214 to change item 23a (Specialty Number and Title) to reflect 11D due to his assignment to the position of Flamethrower at the end of his service.

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

a. On 17 November 1965, the applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States (AUS) to serve in MOS 64B (Heavy Vehicle Driver).

b. The applicant's DA Form 20 shows in items:

- 22 (MOS): 64B2O, effective 24 April 1966
- 31 (Foreign Service): served in the Republic of Vietnam during the period of 11 August 1966 through on or about 21 August 1967

- 38 (Record of Assignments): assigned 11D2O (Flamethrower Truck Driver) effective 14 February 1967 with Headquarters Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam
- 41 (Awards and Decorations):
  - National Defense Service Medal
  - Vietnam Service Medal
  - Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device
  - Combat Infantryman Badge
  - Army Good Conduct Medal
  - Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)
  - Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)

c. On 20 August 1967, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training). DD Form 214 shows the applicant completed 1-year, 9-months, and 4-days of active service. It also shows in item 23a: 64B2O (Heavy Vehicle Driver)

4. The applicant provides:

a. Request for MOS change dated 11 May 1967 under the provisions of Army Regulation (AR) 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management System), the applicant requested the change of his MOS due to his performance in the position of Flamethrower as of February 1967. The applicant's commander recommended approval of his request and was approved by the squadron commander on 23 May 1967.

b. DA Form 1049 dated 24 July 1967 the applicant was recommended for appointment to specialist five (SP5). During his assignment he demonstrated the qualities of a noncommissioned officer. On 25 July 1967, the applicant's commander recommended approval in the primary MOS of 11D2O.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 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 record, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions for correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect he was awarded Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 11D (Flamethrower Truck Driver). Evidence shows the applicant was awarded

the military occupational specialty of 11D (Flamethrower) 14 February 1967. Based on this, the Board granted relief.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), 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 the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 20 August 1967 to show in block 23 (Specialty Number & Title) 11D (Flamethrower Truck Drive).

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

1. Reference the enclosed request for correction of military records from the subject individual to correct his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending August 20, 1967, by:

a. Delete: item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal

b. Add: item 24:

- Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze service stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation

2. A review of the records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

- DD Form 214 service ending August 20, 1967
- DA Form 20
- Department of the Army General Orders Number 60, dated 1969

3. Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by deleting and adding the awards shown in paragraph 1a and b above. Provide the applicant a copy of the corrections, and as applicable the medals. Please ensure that the corrections are recorded in the applicant's official military personnel record.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, 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 (AR) 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management System) in effect at the time, prescribe policies, responsibilities and procedures pertaining to career management of Army Enlisted personnel.

a. Paragraph 2-4 (Classification factors), the following factors will be considered in classification or reclassification of personnel:

- Needs of the Army
- Army-wide current and projected years of service group imbalances and status of MOS by grade
- Budgetary or other travel restrictions
- Physical and administrative assignment limitations
- Enlistment commitments and time in service remaining on current enlistment/reenlistment upon completion of training
- Training and experience (both civilian and military)
- Education
- Test scores (aptitude area, SQT, language)
- Preference of individual
- Prerequisites for school training
- Normal pattern of career progression
- Duties and qualifications for individual
- MOS and skill level

b. Paragraph 2-19 (Award of 3-character MOS) d, a new MOS will be awarded upon:

- Qualification in any MOS (including prior military service)
- Successful completion of MOS training offered by a USA service school or a training activity, including US Air Force, Navy, or Marine Corps schools authorized to train Army personnel
- Successful completion of on-the-job training for a period of not less 60-days
- Change to MOS structure
- Identification of civilian acquired skills having a direct MOS counterpart
- Attaining a verifying score on an SQT in an MOS identified authorizing the use of the Evaluation System as means for award of the MOS
- Withdrawal of PMOS

A Soldier's immediate commanding officer is the authority for determining qualification in the principal MOS at the unit or an MOS in which the Soldier is performing duty when an SQT score is not available. All awards or withdrawals of PMOS, SMOS, and AMOS will be announced by publication of orders.

c. Paragraph 3-3b, immediate commanders and supervisors will assign Soldiers to authorized duty position which will make best use of their MOS qualifications and

recommended classification, reclassification or reassignment actions to classification authority.

3. AR 635 – 5 (Separation Documents) in effect at the time prescribes the separation documents that will be furnished each individual who is separated from the Army. Source documents consist of all available records to include DA Form 20 and orders. Item 23a; enter the primary MOS code number and title.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//