

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012589

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his military occupation specialty to show his service as an 11E (Armor Crewman).

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)

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 trained for and performed duties as an 11E until he was assigned to duty in Vietnam. At that time, he was initially assigned to duties as 71B (Clerk Typist). Not knowing how to type he requested and was to be assigned to duty in his MOS with the 403rd as a part of the security unit. He requests the correction so that his children and grandchildren know he was a combat Veteran.
3. The available records are very limited containing only his enlistment documents and little else.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army at age 17 for 3 years. He completed training with award of the MOS 11E and was assigned to duty in Germany in that duty MOS.
5. The applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows:
 - a. He was reassigned to duty in Vietnam on 3 April 1971 with assignment to the 403rd Transportation Company in the duty MOS of 71B on 8 April 1971.

b. On 2 October 1971, he was reassigned to the 329th Transportation in the MOS 71B.

c. Block 22 (MOS) shows assignment in the primary MOS of 71B on 8 April 1971 and the secondary MOS of 11E.

6. The applicant was honorably released from active duty on 26 January 1972 as an early separation of overseas returnee. The DD Form 214 issued at that time shows:

- Separation in the grade of E-3
- His last duty assignment as the 329th Transportation Company in Vietnam
- He had 2 years, 6 months, and 9 days of net service
- 2 years, 1 month, and 11 days of foreign or sea service with a notation of service in the "USARPAC"
- Block 23 shows his specialty number as 71B as of 8 April 1971
- His awards are listed as the Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (-60)

7. Based on his period of service in Vietnam he served during the following three campaign periods:

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| • Counteroffensive, Phase VII | 1 July 1970 - 30 June 1971 |
| • Consolidation I | 1 July 1971 - 30 November 1971 |
| • Consolidation II | 1 December 1971 - 29 March 1972 |

8. Department of the Army General Orders 8 of 1974 awarded the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation to Headquarters, U.S. Army, Vietnam, and subordinate units for the period 20 July 1965 to 28 March 1973.

9. At the time of the applicant's separation, only the last MOS a Soldier served in was listed on their DD Form 214. Current policy allows for the entry of all MOSs a Soldier served in for 1 year or more.

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 applicants petition and available military records the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support correction to the applicant's

record showing his secondary military occupational specialty (MOS) was 11E (Armor Crewman). The Board agreed the applicant successfully completed the course and awarded the MOS. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's records so that both his MOS's appear on his DD Form 214.

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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:	:	:	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 26 January 1972 to show in block 23 (Specialty Number & Title): 11E (Armor Crewman)-Secondary

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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):

A review of the applicant's record shows his DD Form 214, for the period ending 26 January 1972 is missing entries that do not require Board action. As a result, amend the DD Form 214 by:

a. Deleting the Vietnam Service Medal from item 24 (Decoration, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons).

b. Adding the following entries to item 24; The Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation.

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. Department of Defense Directive 1332.28 provides that a discharge shall be considered inequitable when the policies and procedures currently in effect provide a substantial enhancement of an individual's rights.

3. Army Regulation 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management) provides the policies for the enlisted personnel management system. In pertinent part, an MOS will be awarded upon qualification in an MOS, completion of MOS training by an Army service school or training activity or upon successful completion of on-the-job training.

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