

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 3 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012650

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the National Defense Service Medal and Expert Marksmanship Badge [with an unknown weapon system].

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:  
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military 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 requests this correction due to the fact he earned and was awarded this badge and medal in the Army. He completed 99% of his one station unit training but asked to be discharged after the final field training exercise due to ongoing family and personal issues. He tried to rejoin the Army, even Army Guard in 2022 to continue his service to this country, but his waiver was denied by the National Guard Bureau (NGB). He has since joined the Navy Reserves. He is considered prior service to the Navy, was not required to attend their bootcamp, and would like to be able to proudly wear the Expert Marksmanship badge (which transfers over to their Rifle Qualification Ribbon) and the National Defense Service medal for enlisting at the time he did.
3. The applicant had prior service in the U.S. Marine Corps from March to June 2016.
4. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 27 February 2018 and was assigned to Fort Benning, GA for one station unit training.
  - a. His Enlisted Record Brief lists the National Defense Service Medal. It does not list any basic marksmanship qualification with any weapon systems.

b. He was discharged from active duty on 12 June 2018 with an uncharacterized discharge in accordance with Army Regulation 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations) due to entry level performance and conduct.

c. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 months and 16 days of active service. It does not list any awards or decorations in Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized).

d. His service record does not contain an order, firing record, scorecard, range card, or other documentary evidence of any weapon qualification or the degree of such qualification.

5. By regulation (AR 600-8-22):

a. The National Defense Service Medal (NDSM) is awarded for honorable active service for selected periods including 11 September 2001 to 30 December 2022 (GWOT). During the period for GWOT, servicemembers on active duty, which includes extended eligibility for award of the NDSM to the Selected Reserve in good standing will also be eligible.

b. Marksmanship badges and tabs are awarded to indicate the degree in which an individual has qualified in prescribed weapons firing courses or events.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial 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 records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's records did not reflect he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. However, the record is absent sufficient evidence showing an order, firing record, scorecard, range card, or other documentary evidence of any weapon qualification or the degree of such qualification for award of the expert marksmanship badge. Therefore, the Board granted partial relief to correct the applicant's record showing award of the National Defense Service Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial 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 12 June 2018 to show award of the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM).

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is 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 award of the expert marksmanship badge [with an unknown weapon system].

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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) states:

a. The National Defense Service Medal is awarded for honorable active service for any period between (dates inclusive)— 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954 (Korea), 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974 (Vietnam), 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995 (Persian Gulf); and 11 September 2001 to 30 December 2022 (GWOT). During the period for GWOT, servicemembers on active duty, which includes extended eligibility for award of the NDSM to the Selected Reserve in good standing will also be eligible.

b. A Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge is awarded to indicate the degree in which an individual, military, and an appropriate bar is furnished to de-note each weapon with which they qualified. Each bar will be attached to the basic badge that indicates the qualification last attained with the respective weapon. Basic qualification badges are of three classes: expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges are awarded to U.S. military and civilian personnel who qualify as prescribed.

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