

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013100

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show award of the National Defense Service Medal.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 18 February 1966

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 he was serving on active duty during the time the National Defense Service Medal was awarded and wants his record to reflect accordingly.

3. A review of the applicant's service records show:

a. On 19 February 1963, he enlisted in the Regular Army.

b. DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) reflects the following:

(1) Item 31 (Foreign Service) shows Korea from 22 July 1963 to 9 August 1964 for a total of 13 months with normal tour completion.

(2) Item 41 (Awards and Decorations) shows Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

c. DD Form 214, ending 18 February 1966 shows he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement)

with service from 19 February 1963 to 18 February 1966 for a net active service this period of 3 years.

(1) Item 24c (Foreign and/or Sea Service) shows Korea – 1 year and 18 days.

(2) Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) is void of entry.

**BOARD DISCUSSION:**

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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service from 19 February 1963 to 18 February 1966, a period authorized for award of the National Defense Service Medal. As a related item, the Board considered the applicant for award of the Army Good Conduct Medal. The applicant's record of service is void of any derogatory information of a commander's statement disqualifying him for award of the Army Good Conduct Medal. His DA Form 20 also indicates he had "excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings for his entire service and therefore granted relief to add award of the Army Good Conduct Medal, in addition to the those awards annotated in the Administrative Note below.

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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) for the period 19 February 1963 to 18 February 1966 and amending his DD Form 214, for the period ending 18 February 1966 to show award of the National Defense Service Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award).

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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 records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board. As a result, amend the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 February 1966 by adding:

- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Korea Defense Service Medal



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) 600-8-22 (Military Awards), Paragraph 2-10b states, in effect, the National Defense Service Medal was established on 22 April 1953 and is awarded for honorable active service for any period between:
  - 27 June 1950 and 27 July 1954 (Korea), both dates inclusive
  - 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974 (Vietnam), both dates inclusive
  - 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995 (Persian Gulf)
  - 11 September 2001 to a date to be determined (Global War on Terrorism).
3. AR 635-5 (Separation Forms), in effect at the time, prescribed the forms to be used in the separation of Army personnel and are applicable to all officer and enlisted personnel on active duty. Item 26; enter decorations, etc., awarded or authorized during the period covered by the DD Form 214.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//