

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013467

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show his foreign service.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 23 October 2023
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), 11 March 1966

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 his DD Form 214 is missing his foreign service due to being released on temporary records. He served in South Korea for 13 months from 1963 to 1964. He went back to Fort Benning and then deployed to the Republic of Congo, Leopoldville. During that service he drew combat pay and flight pay, after his deployment he returned to Fort Benning and remained there until separation.
3. A review of the applicant's available service record reflects the following:
 - a. On 28 February 1963, he enlisted in the Regular Army, for a 3-year period.
 - b. Special Orders Number 204, dated 23 July 1964 shows his travel date to Korea on or about 12 August 1964.
 - c. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) Item 29 (Foreign Service) shows the following information:
 - (1) Service to Korea from 22 June 1963 to 2 September 1964 totaling 1 year, 1 month, and 10 days

(2) Service to United States Army Pacific (USARPAC) Vietnam from 15 August 1965 to 10 February 1966 totaling 5 months and 25 days.

d. His DA Form 20, indicating temporary, Item 31 (Foreign Service) shows service to Korea from 22 July 1963 to 3 September 1964 totaling 1 year, 1 month, and 11 days.

e. Special Orders Number 159, dated 29 June 1965 show he was on temporary duty to the Congo with an arrival date on or about 30 June 1965.

f. His DA Form 24 (Service Record) Section 2 (Chronological Record of Military Service) shows USARPAC with an arrival date of 16 September 1965 to an unknown date.

g. His DD Form 214, for the period ending 11 March 1966 shows he was honorably transferred to the United States Army Reserve. He served 2 years, 11 months, and 29 days of net active service. No foreign service is shown.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant's statement and the corroborating evidence found within the applicant's service record, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to add foreign service credit to the applicant's DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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 amending the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 11 March 1966 by:

- amending box 24c to read 1 year, 7 months, and 5 days
- adding to box 26 the Korea Defense Service Medal
- adding to box 32, "SM served in Vietnam from 650815 to 660210

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CHAIRPERSON

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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the transition processing function of the military personnel system. It provides principles of support, 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. Chapter 5-6(I)(6) states Block 12f: Foreign Service. Enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in block 12c to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in block 18.

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