

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 17 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013735

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

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-authored letter, 21 February 2023
- Department of Veteran's Affairs Enrollment Form, undated
- Letter, Commonwealth of PA, 3 October 2022
- Letter, Department of Veteran's Affairs, 3 October 2022
- Certificate of Achievement, undated
- DD Form 214

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 was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for his active duty. The Certificate of Achievement should be added to his DD Form 214 because it meets the requirements of a citation or commendation.
3. The applicant provides a citation which shows in part, he was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for outstanding performance of duty as a Personnel Management Supervisor of the Military Personnel Division.
4. On 10 November 1966, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in item 9 (Awards and Decorations) – National Defense Service Medal and the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

5. On 10 September 1969, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 for this period shows he completed 2 years, 11 months, and 1 day of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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 insufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions for correction of his DD Form 214 to show award of the Certificate of Achievement. The Board noted per regulatory guidance commanders may recognize periods of faithful service, acts, or achievements which do not meet the standards required for decorations by issuing to individual U.S. military personnel a DA Form 2442 (Certificate of Achievement) or a Certificate of Achievement of local design. The Certificate of Achievement is not an authorized award annotated on the DD Form 214. Therefore, the Board denied 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 FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
■	■	■	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

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):

The applicant's records contain sufficient evidence to support additional awards not shown on his DD Form 214. His DD Form 214 will be administratively corrected to show award of the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

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 prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. Commanders may recognize periods of faithful service, acts, or achievements which do not meet the standards required for decorations by issuing to individual U.S. military personnel a DA Form 2442 (Certificate of Achievement) or a Certificate of Achievement of local design. The citation on such certificates will not be worded so that the act of service performed appears to warrant the award of a decoration. No distinguishing device is authorized for wear to indicate the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement. Copies of Certificates of Achievement or memorandum of record stating that a Certificate of Achievement has

been awarded and citing the service recognized will be distributed to the AMHRR per AR 600-8-104.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) sets forth requirements for award of basic marksmanship qualification badges. The qualification badge is awarded to indicate the degree – Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman -- in which an individual has qualified in a prescribed record course. An appropriate bar is furnished to denote each weapon with which the individual has qualified.

4. By regulation (AR 635-5), the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Item 24. enter from item 21, DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record), or section 9, DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) all decorations, service medals, campaign credits, and badges awarded or authorized, omitting authorities cited therein.

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