

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230014963

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

- in item 8 (Place of Birth (City and State or Country)) Springfield, Missouri
- Item 23a (Specialty Number & Title) Combat Engineer

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-Authored Statement
- Birth Certificate
- DD Form 214, period the ending 17 December 1969

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 born in Springfield, Missouri not Springfield, Massachusetts. His military occupational specialty (MOS) was combat engineer not draftsman, pioneer may be the name they put it as on paper. He never had military training in drafting and never requested it to be changed. While volunteering at the Veterans Hospital he obtained a copy of his DD Form 214 and realized the mistakes.

3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. The applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States on 14 May 1968. His place of birth listed on his DD Form 47 (Record of Induction) shows Springfield, Missouri.

b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:

- Item 22 (MOS) shows his primary MOS is 81A, General Draftsman as of 6 December 1968; there is also an entry for MOS 12A but its lined through
- Item 27 (Military Education) 8-week Pioneer 12A10 course at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, 1968 for his advanced individual training
- item 31 (Foreign Service) service in Vietnam from 29 October 1968 to 16 December 1969
- item 38 (Record of Assignments) when he arrived in Vietnam his duty MOS changed from 12A10 (Pioneer) to 81A10 (General Draftsman)

c. Special Orders Number 20, issued by Headquarters, 307th Combat Aviation (Phantom) Battalion, APO San Francisco dated 20 January 1969 shows he was awarded 81A10 as his primary MOS and 12A10 as his secondary MOS, effective 16 December 1968.

d. On 17 December 1969, the applicant was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 7 months, and 4 days of active service. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- Block 8 (Place of Birth): Springfield, Massachusetts
- Block 9 (Selected Service Local Board Number) Jefferson City, Missouri
- Block 23a (Primary Specialty) 81A10, Draftsman
- Block 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal
- Block 25 (Military Education) Pioneer, 8 weeks, Fort Leonard Wood MOS

#### 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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered.

a. Place of Birth: Grant. The evidence of record shows the applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States in Missouri. His DD Form 214 inadvertently listed the city of Springfield in Massachusetts instead of Missouri.

b. Primary Specialty: Grant. The evidence shows the applicant was trained in and held primary MOS 12A. His DA Form 20 shows he also held MOS 81A as of 16 December 1968 and he performed in duty MOS 81A in Vietnam. The DD Form 214 correctly lists the MOS held by the enlisted Soldier at the time of separation; however, since he was also trained in MOS 12A, the Remarks Block of his DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect this MOS.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, 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 his DD Form 214 as follows:

- Block 8, Place of Birth, delete Springfield Massachusetts/add Springfield Missouri
- Block 30, Remarks, add Secondary MOS 12A, Pioneer

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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 records show he was awarded or authorized the following awards not listed on his DD Form 214:

- five bronze service stars to his previously issued Vietnam Service Medal
- 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. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separation – Separation Documents), in effect at the time, establishes standardized procedures for the preparation and distribution of separation documents.
  - a. For item 8 (Place of Birth): self explanatory.
  - b. For item 23a (Specialty Number & Title): enter primary military occupational specialty (MOS) code number and title. If the specialty represented by the MOS has a related civilian occupation, enter in item 23b the appropriate job title and code number from the dictionary of occupational titles. If not applicable, enter NA.
3. Army Regulation (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

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