

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001693

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of two Army Commendation Medals for July 1971 and May 1972 and for the awards to be added to his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending on 2 May 1972. In addition, if corrected, an updated copy of his DD Form 214.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Citation for Army Commendation Medal, July 1971
- Army Commendation Medal Certificate, 2 May 1972
- 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 would like is two Army Commendation Medals on his DD Form 214, and send him an updated copy of his DD Form 214. Errors were made and he would like them corrected and updated for himself and his family to let them know he was in fact presented with these awards. He knows sometimes paperwork never catches up. He is trying to get his paper in order he is 77 years old.
3. The applicant provides:
  - a. A Citation for Army Commendation Medal for the period 18 August 1970 to 20 July 1971 shows the Army Commendation Medal was presented to the applicant for exceptionally meritorious service in Thailand.
  - b. An Army Commendation Medal Certificate, 2 May 1972 shows the applicant was awarded for meritorious service from 10 August 1971 to 1 May 1972 on 2 May 1972.

4. The applicant's service records show the following information:

- a. . He was appointed as a Reserve Commissioned officer of the Army on 23 January 1969 in the rank of 2LT.
- b. d. Letter Orders Number A-2-078, 13 February 1970 order the applicant to active duty.
- c. His DD Form 214 shows he entered active duty on 10 March 1970.
- d. DA Form 66 (Officer Qualification Record) shows in item 17 (Foreign Service) he served in U.S. Army Pacific – Thailand for 11 months from 19 August 1970 through 22 July 1971.
- e. General Order Number 251, 26 April 1972 shows he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal while assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, AL. The citation shows the award stated for exceptionally meritorious service during the period 10 August 1971 to 2 May 1972.
- f. His DD Form 214 shows he was honorably released from active duty on 2 May 1972 and transferred to the USAR. He completed 2 years, 1 month, and 23 days net active service. Item 22f (Foreign Service and/or Sea Service) shows he had 10 months and 4 days of foreign service. Item 30 (Remarks) shows service in Indochina (Thailand).
- g. His record is void of orders awarding him a second Army Commendation Medal for the period of 18 August 1970 to 20 July 1971.
- h. The applicant is authorized additional awards not listed on his DD Form 214.

We only list Chapters here or hearing information...or when applicable...medical language.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 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 contentions for award of two Army Commendation Medals (ARCOM) for July 1971 and May 1972 and

for the awards to be added to his DD Form 214. The Board noted the applicant's record omitted authorized award of the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal w/ Palm.

2. The Board found the documentation provided by the applicant sufficient in correcting his records. The Board noted the applicant was awarded an Army Commendation Medal for the period 18 August 1970 to 20 July 1971 for meritorious service for his support as Assistant ISSA Officer while deployed to Thailand. Additionally, evidence shows General Order Number 251, 26 April 1972 awarded the Army Commendation Medal while assigned to Headquarters, U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, AL. The citation was awarded for exceptionally meritorious service during the period 10 August 1971 to 2 May 1972. In addition, t

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 2 May 1972 by adding:

in item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal w/ 2OLC
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm



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): N/A

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 Separations-Separation Documents) prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established the standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. The

information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Army Commendation Medal is awarded to any Servicemember of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguishes themselves by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service.

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