

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002176

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the service period ending 31 January 2003:

- remove the Ranger Tab
- amend the Presidential Unit Citation (Army – Air Force) to the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Permanent Orders 178-2 (Special Forces Tab)
- DD Form 214, effective 10 November 1986
- NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service), effective 15 January 1987
- DD Form 214, effective 27 April 1988
- DD Form 214, effective 31 January 2003

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 includes a Ranger Tab he does not have; he does have the Special Forces Tab. Additionally, it shows the Presidential Unit Citation for Army/Air Force and the one he has earned is for the Navy. He should not have awards listed on his DD Form 214 that he did not receive.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. Permanent Orders 178-2 issued by United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center on 23 October 1984 that announces award of the Special Forces Tab.

b. A DD Form 214 for the service period ending 10 November 1986 shows in item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) he was awarded or authorized:

- National Defense Service Ribbon
- Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with 3 service stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device
- Presidential Unit Citation with Star (Navy)
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal 1st Class
- Parachute Badge
- Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Antarctica Service Meal
- Overseas Service Medal

c. An NGB Form 22 for the period ending 15 January 1987, shows in item 15 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Award) he was awarded or authorized:

- National Defense Service Ribbon
- Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with 3 service stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with device
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Presidential Unit Citation with star (Navy)
- AGI Award
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal 1st Class
- Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Medal with Numeral 1
- Noncommissioned Officer Education System (3rd Award)
- Army Commendation Medal
- Special Forces Tab

d. A DD Form 214 for the period ending 27 April 1988 shows in item 13 he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Lapel Button
- M-16 Expert Badge

- Parachute Badge
- Special Forces Tab
- National Defense Service Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with 3 stars
- United States Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with V Device
- Presidential Unit Citation with Star (Navy)
- Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Army Commendation Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
- Vietnam Civil Action 1st Class with Palm
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (3rd Award)
- Reserve Service Medal

e. A DD Form 214 for the period ending 31 January 2003 shows in item 13 he was awarded or authorized:

- Legion of Merit
- Meritorious Service Medal (4th Award)
- Army Commendation Medal (6th Award)
- Army Achievement Medal (3rd Award)
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Air Force)
- Army Good Conduct Medal (4th Award)
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
- National Defense Service Medal (3rd Award)
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device (3rd Award)
- Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 4
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbons (5th Award)
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation
- Expert Marksmanship Badge with Pistol Bar

- Parachutist Badge
- Canadian Parachutist Badge
- Ranger Tab
- Special Forces Tab

4. Review of the applicant's service record shows:

- a. He enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG) on 28 November 1975.
- b. Orders 85-17 issued by the State of Texas Adjutant General's Department, dated 2 May 1984 transferred the applicant from the Inactive ARNG to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade, 49th Armored Division with an effective date of 9 May 1984.
- c. Permanent Orders 95-1 issued by United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center on 29 July 1985 announced award of the Special Forces Tab.
- d. The applicant served three periods of active service:
 - 9 May 1984 to 10 November 1986
 - 2 January 1988 to 27 April 1988
 - 8 September 1991 to 31 January 2003
- e. He was retired from active service on 31 January 2003. The DD Form 214 shows, among many awards, he received:
 - Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Air Force)
 - Ranger Tab
- f. The applicant's available service record does not contain orders for the Presidential Unit Citation with Star (Army-Air Force) or the Ranger Tab.

5. A review of the applicant's service record confirms awards were omitted from his DD Form 214. The awards will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. By regulation, (AR 635-5) 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. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) list awards and decorations

for all periods of service in the priority sequence specified in AR 600-8-22. Each entry will be verified by the Soldier's records. Do not use abbreviations.

7. By regulation (AR 600-8-104), once placed in the AMHRR, the document becomes a permanent part of that file. The document will not be removed from or moved to another part of the AMHRR unless directed by certain agencies, to include this Board.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.
2. The Board found the evidence confirms the applicant was not awarded the Ranger Tab. The Board determined the Ranger Tab should be deleted from his final DD Form 214.
3. The Board found the evidence confirms the applicant was authorized the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy). The Board determined his final DD Form 214 should be amended to reflect the correct unit citation.
4. The Board concurred with the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below.

BOARD VOTE:

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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 the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 for the period ending 31 January 2003 as follows:

- Delete – Ranger Tab and Presidential Unit Citation (Army-Air Force)
- Add – Presidential Unit Citation (Navy)
- Make the corrections described in Administrative Note(s) below

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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 service records show he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the service period ending 31 January 2003. As a result, correct his DD Form 214 as follows, add:

- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960)
- 3 bronze service stars with the Vietnam Service Medal

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 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, 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. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) list awards and decorations for all periods of service in the priority sequence specified in AR 600-8-22. Each entry will be verified by the Soldier's records. Do not use abbreviations.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-104 (Army Military Human Resource Records (AMHRR) Management) governs the composition of the AMHRR and states the performance folder is used for filing performance, commendatory, and disciplinary data. Once placed in the AMHRR, the document becomes a permanent part of that file. The document will not be removed from or moved to another part of the AMHRR unless directed by certain agencies, to include this Board.

4. Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) M-1650.1 (Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual), currently in effect, states the Presidential Unit Citation is awarded as public evidence of deserved honor and distinction to any ship, aircraft, naval unit, or any Marine Corps aircraft detachment or higher unit, for outstanding performance in combat with the enemy.

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