

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002547

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of deceased Servicemember (SM) DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 18 June 1962, to show in Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Marksmanship Qualification Badge

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Marriage Certificate

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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, the wife of the deceased SM states that she believes the deceased SM was entitled to an Army Good Conduct Medal and Marksmanship Badges; he signed his DD Form 214 in haste to be discharged and the error was not corrected.
3. A review of the applicant's service record confirms an administrative entry was omitted from his DD Form 214. The entry for his Marksmanship Badges will be added to his DD Form 214 as an administrative correction and will not be considered by the Board. The Board will consider the SM's request award of the Good Conduct Medal.
4. A review of the SM's official record shows the following:
  - a. SM was inducted into the Army of the United States on 6 July 1960.

b. DA Form 24 (Service Record) show in Section 4 (Chronological Record of Military Service) that between 14 July 1960 and 8 June 1962, he was rated excellent in conduct and efficiency with the exception of his permanent changes of station to Fort Sill, OK, and Europe. His DA Form 24 and DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) show he was awarded or authorized:

- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-1)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)

c. His DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 June 1962, shows he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement), and he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 13 days of total active service. He was assigned separation code 411 and the narrative reason for separation was listed as "Early Release Overseas Returnee."

d. The available service record is void of any documentation awarding the SM the Army Good Conduct Medal.

5. The SM's wife provided a copy of marriage record that reflects their marriage on 24 September 1960 in the state of Ohio.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the former servicemember's military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the former servicemember's (SM) 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 applicants petition and former SM's available military records the Board determined the former SM's service record did not reflect he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM) (1st Award) and his record shows he received "excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings throughout his service for the period of 6 July 1960 to 18 June 1962. Based on this the Board granted relief for correction of the former SM's record to show he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal.

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 FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), 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 awarding the former servicemember the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) for exemplary service from 6 July 1960 to 18 June 1962 and adding the medal to his DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 June 1962.

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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):

1. A review of the applicant's service record shows his DD Form 214 omitted an administrative entry. As a result, amend the DD Form 214 by adding in item 26:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-1)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)

2. A review of the records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

- DA Form 24
- DA Form 20
- DD Form 214

#### REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, 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 (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states:

a. The National Defense Service Medal is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 27 July 1950 and 27 July 1954, 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974, 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995, and 11 September 2001 and a date to be determined.

b. The Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified. Any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award:

- Each 3 years completed on or after 27 August 1940
- For first award only, 1 year served entirely during the period 7 December 1941 to 2 March 1946
- For first award only, upon termination of service on or after 27 June 1950 of less than 3 years but more than 1 year
- For first award only, upon termination of service, on or after 27 June 1950, of less than 1 year when final separation was by reason of physical disability incurred in line of duty
- For first award only, for those individuals who died before completing 1 year of active Federal service if the death occurred in the line of duty

c. The 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. (Examples: Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar or Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar or Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Automatic Rifle Bar). Award of marksmanship badges is not permanent. An award for previous marksmanship weapons qualification is revoked automatically whenever an individual, upon completion of firing a record course for which the previous award was made, has not attained the same qualification. In the event a badge is authorized for firing a limited or sub-caliber course, it is automatically revoked if a record service course is subsequently fired.

3. AR 635-8 (Separations Processing and Documents) 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 in block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) will show a list all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service; do not use abbreviations and do not enter foreign or State level awards on DD Form 214. State awards and decorations will be entered on NGB Form 22 (National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service) upon separation from the ARNGUS.

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