

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003604

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the following awards:

- Expert Infantryman Badge
- Three Presidential Commendations
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Battalion Repair and Utility Service Award
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Badge
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- Silver Medal
- Red Ribbon

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Request Pertaining to Military Records
- DD Form 214, ending 2 July 1987
- Email correspondence

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 missing the above listed awards on his DD Form 214 and needs to have his record corrected to reflect the accurate information.
3. The applicant provides the following:
  - a. A request for a copy of his military records from the National Archives and Records Administration with an accompanied DD Form 214.

b. Email correspondence stating his medical records are currently pending his request for copies.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 4 September 1984.

b. A DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) shows in Block 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns) he was awarded the following:

- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- Army Service Ribbon

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 2 July 1987. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 9 months, and 29 days of active service. He was assigned separation code LCC and the narrative reason for separation listed as "Reduction in Authorized Strength...) with reentry code 1. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- Army Lapel Button

d. His available service record is void of any documentation recommending or awarding the applicant the requested awards:

- Expert Infantryman Badge
- Three Presidential Commendations
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Battalion Repair and Utility Service Award
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Rifle)
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Hand Grenade)
- Silver Medal
- Red Ribbon

e. Army regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) is void of the following requested awards:

- Presidential Commendation
- Battalion Repair and Utility Service Award

- Silver Medal
- Red Ribbon

5. By regulation AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards):

a. For the specialty skill identifier and military occupational specialty requirement for the Expert Infantryman Badge candidates must be serving on active duty orders and must possess a primary MOS in CMF 11 or CMF 18, be warrant officers identified as 180A, or be infantry or special operations branch officers serving in infantry positions.

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.

c. A Basic Marksmanship Qualification Badge is awarded to indicate the degree in which an individual, military, or civilian has qualified in a prescribed record course, and an appropriate bar is furnished to denote each weapon with which they qualified. Each bar will be attached to the basic badge that indicates the qualification last attained with the respective weapon. Basic qualification badges are of three classes: expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges are awarded to U.S. military and civilian personnel and foreign military personnel who qualify as prescribed.

d. The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action against the enemy. The required gallantry (spirited and conspicuous acts of heroism and courage) must have been performed with marked distinction. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition, and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation.

a. Expert Infantryman Badge. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

b. Three Presidential Commendations. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the awards.

c. Army Good Conduct Medal. Grant. The Board determined there was sufficient evidence, including his service from 4 September 1984 to 2 July 1987. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record to reflect award of the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award).

d. Battalion Repair and Utility Service Award. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

e. Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Badge. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

f. Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

g. Silver Medal. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

h. Red Ribbon. Deny. The Board concluded there was insufficient evidence to support the applicant met the criteria for the award.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant 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 July 1987 by:

- awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) for the qualifying period 4 September 1984 to 2 July 1987
- adding the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) to his DD Form 214

2. The Board further determined that the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to award of the Expert Infantryman Badge, Three Presidential Commendations, Battalion Repair and Utility Service Award, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Badge, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar, Silver Medal, and Red Ribbon.



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.

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 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. Paragraph 8-9 states the basic eligibility criteria for the Expert Infantryman Badge is as follows:

(1) Specialty skill identifier and military occupational specialty requirement for the Expert Infantryman Badge. Candidates must be serving on active duty orders and must possess a primary MOS in CMF 11 or CMF 18, be warrant officers identified as 180A, or be infantry or special operations branch officers serving in infantry positions.

(2) Duty requirement for the Expert Infantryman Badge. All personnel having a CMF 11 or specialty code 11 code, regardless of their present assignment, are eligible to participate in the EIB program. They must meet the prerequisites and take the test with an infantry unit of at least BN size.

(3) Test requirement. Personnel must meet all prerequisites and proficiency tests prescribed by the U.S. Army Infantry Center.

(4) The authority to test and award the badge is as follows:

- The following commanders are authorized to give EIB tests and award the badge to qualified Soldiers in their commands: (a) Division commanders. (b) Commanders of separate infantry brigades and regiments. (c) Commanders of divisional brigades when authority is delegated to them by their division commanders. (d) Separate infantry BN commanders when authority is delegated to them by the commander exercising general court-martial authority over the BN. (e) Commanders of U.S. Army training centers. (f) Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School. (g) Commanders of SF groups. (h) Commanders of separate SF BNs when authority is delegated to them by the commander exercising general court-martial authority over their units.

- Commanders of RC combat and training divisions and brigade size units are authorized to administer EIB tests and award the badge to qualified personnel in the command.

b. Paragraph 4-1 states 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

c. Paragraph 8–40. U.S. Army Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges is awarded to indicate the degree in which an individual, military, or civilian has qualified in a prescribed record course, and an appropriate bar is furnished to denote each weapon with which they qualified. Each bar will be attached to the basic badge that indicates the qualification last attained with the respective weapon. Basic qualification badges are of three classes: expert, sharpshooter, and marksman. Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges are awarded to U.S. military and civilian personnel and foreign military personnel who qualify as prescribed. See AR 670–1 for instructions on the wear of basic Marksmanship Qualification badges and component bar tabs.

(1) Approval authority is as follows:

- Any commander in the rank or position of LTC/O – 5 or above may award to Servicemembers of the Armed Forces of the United States, camp or post commanders, professors of military science, and directors of Army instruction or senior Army instructors.
- Except for uniformed civilian guards (see AR 670 – 10), awards to civilians will be made by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Civilian Marksmanship Program is administered by the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearms Safety, Inc., P.O. Box 576, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 – 0576. See AR 670 – 10 for the authorization for uniformed civilian guards to wear basic Marksmanship Qualification badges. Civilian guards will procure badges at their own expense.

d. The Silver Star is awarded for gallantry in action against the enemy. The required gallantry (spirited and conspicuous acts of heroism and courage) must have been performed with marked distinction. As with all personal decorations, formal recommendations, approval through the chain of command, and announcement in orders are required.

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