

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 17 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003813

APPLICANT REQUESTS: retroactive award of the Overseas Service Ribbon and correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the authorized award.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Applicant's Statement
- 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 in his application and in a statement provided with his application that he did some research and found out that an Overseas Service Ribbon was first authorized in August 1981 and that as of 11 December 2006 it is authorized to be issued retroactively in accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards). He requests the issuance of a DD Form 215 (Correction to the DD Form 214) showing award of the Overseas Service Ribbon.
3. On 27 September 1965, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army for 3 years. He completed training in military occupational specialty 97B (Military Intelligence Specialist).
4. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:
 - a. Item 31 (Foreign Service): United States Army Pacific (USARPAC)-Korea from 19 May 1966 to 12 June 1967.

b. Item 41 (Awards and Decorations), National Defense Service Medal, Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-14), and Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge Pistol .38 Caliber.

5. On 26 September 1968, he was honorably released from active duty, due to expiration term of service. He completed 3 years of total active service, of which 1 year and 24 days were credited as foreign service in the United States Army Pacific Command (USARPAC). His DD Form 214 and two subsequently issued DD Forms 215, show the following awards listed in block 24 (Decorations, Medals. Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) -

- National Defense Service Medal
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-14)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge Pistol .38 Caliber
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea)
- Army Good Conduct Medal

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The Overseas Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981 and is awarded for successful completion of overseas tours. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who were credited with a normal overseas tour completion before 1 August 1981 provided they had an Active Army status on or after 1 August 1981. The applicant did not have an active Army status on or after 1 August 1981. Therefore, he does not meet the criteria for this award.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the evidence, the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.2.

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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 NOTES: administratively correct the applicant's DD Form 214, by adding the Korea Defense 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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides:

a. The Overseas Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award for successful completion of overseas tours. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who were credited with a normal overseas tour completion before 1 August 1981 provided, they had an active Army status on or after 1 August 1981.

b. The Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The period of eligibility is 28 July 1954 to a date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense.

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