

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005804

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Army Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (PUC), and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Palm added to his DD Form 214 (Report of Transfer or Discharge).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- 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 add Good Conduct Medal (for enlisted time), PUC (for serving with unit in the Vietnam war and Headquarters and Headquarters Company & Delta Company, 3rd Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade Americal Division Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm Unit Citation, and any/all decorations earned and not listed on DD Form 214 and/or for National Guard Service. He is being nominated for a Georgia Veteran's award and his submission of his DD Form 214 was determined to not have all earned decorations listed. He would like to pass onto his family all that he has earned.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 26 September 1966.
4. On 11 October 1967, he was honorably discharged to accept commission. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year and 16 days net service this period. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge (M-14). The Army Good Conduct Medal will not be addressed in the remaining proceedings.

5. On 12 October 1967, he was commissioned as a Reserve Commissioned Officer.
6. He served in Vietnam from 20 September 1968 – 24 August 1969 with 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade.
7. He was honorably released from active duty on 28 August 1969, to attend school. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 10 months, and 17 days net service this period. He was awarded or authorized:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Combat Infantryman Badge

8. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Presidential Unit Citation (known as the Distinguished Unit Citation until 3 November 1966) is awarded for extraordinary heroism in action. A unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission as would warrant award of the Distinguished Service Cross to an individual.

9. Department of the Army Pamphlet 672-3 (Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register) shows his unit of assignment 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade was awarded Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation by Department of the Army General Orders (DAGO) 2, 1971 and Valorous Unit Award by DAGO 43, 1972.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation, the Board made the following findings and recommendations related to the requested relief:

Award of the Army Good Conduct Medal: DENY, based upon the AGCM being reflected on the applicant's first DD 214, for the period ending 11 October 1967 and it only being awarded for each 3 years of completed service.

Award the Presidential Unit Citation (PUC): DENY, based upon the available evidence failing to show the applicant served in unit awarded the award at the time it was awarded/

Award the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Palm: GRANT, based upon the analyst of record added the award in the administrative notes.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT FULL RELIEF

 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. The Board concurred with added the awards noted in the administrative notes below. All other requested awards are denied.

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CHAIRPERSON

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 shows he is entitled to awards not listed on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 ending on 28 August 1969 to add the following awards:

- Add 4 bronze service stars to previously awarded Vietnam Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry cross with Palm Unit Citation
- Valorous Unit Award

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.
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