

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005900

APPLICANT REQUESTS: his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) be amended to add the following awards to item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon

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. A review of the applicant's records shows his DD Form 214 omitted awards. Therefore, the following awards will be added without action by the Board. As a result, amend the DD Form 214 ending 4 September 1962, by adding in item 26:

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal

3. The applicant states dates of service in Korea from May 1961 to September 1962.

4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 27 October 1959.

5. He served in Korea from on or about 29 May 1961 until on or about 4 September 1962.

6. He was released from active duty on 4 September 1962, and transferred to U.S. Army Reserve. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 2 years, 10 months, and 8 days net service this period with 1 year, 3 months and 23 days of foreign and/or sea service. He was awarded or authorized:

- Good Conduct Medal
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge (Rifle)

7. By regulation, AR 600-8-22, prescribes the policies and procedures concerning U.S. Army awards to foreign military personnel and foreign decorations to U.S. Army personnel.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal not being authorized until 1981, and the applicant's service ending in 1962, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting awarding and adding the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to the applicant's record.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended those changes be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

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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):

The applicant's records contain sufficient evidence to support additional awards not shown on his DD Form 214. His DD Form 214 for the period ending 4 September 1962, will be administratively corrected without Board action to show award of the:

- Korea Defense Service Medal
- National 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 (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards) states the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded for qualifying service after 1 July 1958 in U.S. military operations, U.S. operations in direct support of the United Nations, and U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. Qualifying service for this award includes participation in Korea from 1 October 1966 to 30 June 1974.

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 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. Second and subsequent awards of the National Defense Service Medal are denoted by a bronze service star affixed to the National Defense Service Medal.

3. AR 670-1 (Uniforms and Insignia) governs the requirements for the Overseas Service Bar. It states a bar is authorized for wear for each period of active Federal service as a member of the U.S. Army outside of the continental limits of the United States for the specific time frames and areas of operation cited in AR 670-1 or appropriate Department of the Army message. There are special provisions regarding authorization for the Overseas Service Bar for service in a hostile fire zone and for combining service to calculate award of the bars.

(Normally not entered on the DD Form 214 because it is an item of uniform wear, not an award or decoration. However, ABCMR policy is that if it is already entered on the DD Form 214, but the number of bars listed is wrong, we correct the entry.)

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