

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 20 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006192

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show award of the Legion of Merit
- award of the Master Aviation Badge, formerly the Master Aircraft Crew Member Badge

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 8 April 2024
- Legion of Merit Certificate, 7 November 1988
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), 30 November 1988
- Standard Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records), 4 April 2024

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 is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and the American Veterans and from time to time he wears his military uniform to functions and parades. He wants his DD Form 214 to be correct and his uniform as well, for wear and burial.
3. The applicant was issued a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) on 1 August 1990, adding award of the Legion of Merit. Based on this, his request to add this award to his DD Form 214 will not be addressed further in these proceedings.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 10 July 1958 and was honorably discharged on 15 March 1961 in the specialty number and title 140.07 Field Artillery Crew Member.

b. He reenlisted on 16 March 1961 and was honorably discharged on 5 March 1967 in the specialty number of 67N Helicopter Mechanic.

c. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 13 July 1967 and was honorably discharged on 1 January 1969 in the specialty number of 67N Helicopter Mechanic.

d. He reenlisted on 2 January 1969 and was honorably discharged on 18 November 1974 in the specialty title of 67Z Aircraft Maintenance Senior Sergeant.

e. He reenlisted on 19 November 1974 and was honorably discharged on 12 April 1978 in the specialty title of 67Z Aircraft Maintenance Senior Sergeant.

f. He reenlisted on 13 April 1978 and honorably retired on 30 November 1988 in the primary specialty number of 67Z (Aircraft Maintenance Senior Sergeant) for 21 years and 4 months and in the secondary specialty of 63Z (Mechanic Maintenance Supervisor) for 4 years and 6 months, in the grade of E-9. He was awarded or authorized the following decorations, medals, badges, citations, and campaign ribbons:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal with eight service stars
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star
- Valorous Unit Award
- Army Commendation Medal (1st oak leaf cluster)
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Meritorious Service Medal (1st oak leaf cluster)
- Good Conduct Medal (7th award)
- Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Bar -5
- Marksman Marksmanship Badge Rifle, M-16
- Parachutist Badge
- Senior Aircraft Crewman Badge
- Air Assault Badge
- Air Medal 25 oak leaf cluster with V Device
- Republic of Vietnam Parachute Badge

**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 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. The evidence of record shows the applicant served in CMF 67 from 10 July 1958 to 13 April 1978. Regulatory guidance outlines award of the Master Aviation Badge was awarded to CMF 67 from 7 April 1983 through 31 August 2005, a period after which the applicant served; therefore the Board majority determined relief was not warranted. The Board minority found sufficient evidence, including the applicant's experience as a Field Artillery Crew Member, helicopter mechanic, and aircraft maintenance senior sergeant, to qualify the applicant for the award.

**BOARD VOTE:**

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

**BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:**

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.

10/29/2025

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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.

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) provides policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards, foreign decorations and badges. There are 3 degrees of the Aviation Badge authorized for award: Basic, Senior and Master Aviation Badge. To be eligible for award of the Master Aviation Badge (formerly Master Aircraft Crew Member Badge), individuals must have met all requirements for the award of the Senior Aviation Badge (formerly Senior Aircraft Crew Member Badge) and met the following:

a. All individuals must display complete competence in the principal duty or duties performed leading to this award, attain the grade of staff sergeant/E-6 or higher and be recommended by the unit commander and endorsed by the next higher commander of the unit to which presently assigned.

b. Have 17 years (not necessarily consecutive) of experience in a principal duty assignment of the following Career Management Field (CMF) and/or Military Occupational Specialty (MOS):

- CMF 15
- CF 67 (from 7 April 1983 through 31 August 2005).
- Aviation MOS 68 series (from 31 December 1985 through 30 September 2003).
- MOS 93C and 93P (after 31 December 1985); 93P (from 7 April 1983 through 1 January 1998); 93D (from 7 April 1983 through 30 September 1996).
- MOS 71P (prior to 30 June 1984).
- MOS 96U (from 1 April 1993 through 30 September 2007).
- MOS 35K (from 1 April 2007 through 30 September 2008). MOS 35, 35Q, 35W for Soldiers who graduated from CMF 67 prior to 30 September 1996.
- MOS 52D with Additional Skill Identifier (ASI) U2 (from 1 April through 30 September 2009).
- MOS 33W with ASI U2 (from 1 April 1991 through 30 September 2010).
- MOS 68W Health Care Specialist, ASI F2 (from 1 October 2012 to present).
- AOC or MOS (68W ASI F3, 68W ASI W1, 73B ASI N7) and (66H with completion of the Joint Enroute Care Course) within AMEDD that meet the criteria of paragraphs 8-13g(2), (3), and (4).

- Warrant officers MOS 151U, and 151A. Warrant officer MOS 150A, 151A may qualify for this badge after 17 years of experience in MOS 350U and 150K, CMF 67 or 93, or MOS 71P, 96U, or 35K.

c. Have 15 years (not necessarily consecutive) on flying status in accordance with Army Regulation 600-106 (see flying status for nonrated personnel) while holding a primary MOS in CMF 15 MOS or AMEDD personnel in a designated flight position.

d. Time served while performing career progressive assignments such as drill instructor, recruiter, career management NCO, career advisor, instructor, or equal opportunity advisor may be used towards the 17-year requirement listed in paragraph 8-13g(2) not to exceed 36 months. Time served after a CMF 15 Soldier reclassifies to MOS 79R will not count towards this requirement.

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