

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006593

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect her secondary military occupational specialty (MOS) of 84G20 (Photographic Laboratory Specialist) and performance awards.

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 it is vital that the correct information is noted on her DD Form 214 as it pertains to all her occupational contributions and inpatient and outpatient medical records.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 14 September 1965. She held military occupational specialty (MOS) 71H (Personnel Specialist).
 - b. Her DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows she held primary MOS 71H effective 21 January 1966 and secondary MOS 84G effective 1 November 1966.
 - c. Special Orders Number 230, dated 1 November 1966 shows she was awarded secondary MOS 84G.
 - d. On 12 July 1968, she was honorably discharged from active duty. Her

DD Form 214 shows she completed 2 years, 9 months, and 29 days of active service with no lost time. It also shows in Block 23a (Specialty Number & Title), 71H20, Personnel Specialist.

4. By regulation AR 635-5, the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 23a (Specialty Number and Title) states enter primary MOS code number, title, and date of award. In addition, enter PMOS evaluation score and date of score. If the enlisted person has not received a PMOS evaluation score, enter "None". If more space is required, enter "See 30" and continue remark in item 30.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. One potential outcome was to deny relief based the applicant's DD Form 214 reflected the conditions at the time of separation. However, upon review of the applicant's request and available military records, the Board determined the applicant was awarded secondary MOS 84G effective 1 November 1966, as documented in her DA Form 20 and Special Orders Number 230. Although Army Regulation 635-5 requires that Block 23a of the DD Form 214 reflect the primary MOS at the time of separation, it also allows for additional specialties and relevant service details to be recorded in Item 30 when space is needed.

2. The Board agreed, given the substantiated award of secondary MOS 84G20 and the applicant's honorable service, the Board found it appropriate to amend her DD Form 214 to include this specialty in Item 30. Furthermore, determined the applicant's service record did not reflect she was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award). In light of the verified records and regulatory guidance, the Board granted relief for correction of the applicant's DD Form 214 and award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for 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 12 July 1968 to show in:

- block 24(Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) for exemplary service from 14 September 1965 to 12 July 1968
- block 30(Remarks) 84G20 (Photographic Laboratory Specialist)-Secondary MOS

X //SIGNED//

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 635-5 (Separation Documents – Personnel Separations), in effect at the time, stated the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 23a (Specialty Number and Title) states enter primary MOS code number, title, and date of award. In addition, enter PMOS evaluation score and date of score. If the enlisted person has not received a PMOS evaluation score, enter "None". If more space is required, enter "See 30" and continue remark in item 30.

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