

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006816

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the Army Good Conduct Medal.

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal after his discharge from active duty, but the award was not added to his DD Form 214.
3. The applicant was inducted into the Army on 12 March 1969.
4. Orders issued on 23 April 1969 awarded the applicant the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14).
5. The applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows he received all excellent conduct and efficiency ratings throughout his active service.
6. The applicant was released from active duty on 7 January 1971. His DD Form 214 does not show in block 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) the Army Good Conduct Medal or the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

7. Orders issued by Headquarters, U.S. Army Headquarters Area Command on 17 January 1971, awarded the applicant the Army Commendation Medal for service during the period 27 July 1970 to 7 January 1971. This award is not shown on the applicant's DD Form 214 due to the fact that the orders were published after his DD Form 214 was prepared and issued.

8. The applicant's available records do not contain, and he did not provide, orders awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available information reflected on the applicant's DA Form 20 showing his conduct as exceptional during his entire period of military service, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to award the applicant the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by awarding and adding the Army Good Conduct Medal for the period of military service 12 March 1969 through 7 January 1971.

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended that change also 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): add to block 24 of the applicant's DD Form 214 the Army Commendation Medal and the Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14).

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 672-5-1 (Awards), in effect at the time, states the Army Good Conduct Medal was awarded for each 3 years of continuous enlisted active Federal military service completed on or after 27 August 1940; for first award only, 1 year served entirely during the period 7 December 1941 to 2 March 1946; and, for the first award only, upon termination of service on or after 27 June 1950 of less than 3 years but more than 1 year. The enlisted person must have had all "excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings.

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