

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 11 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007644

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- a. award of the Army Good Conduct Medal;
- b. correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 10 June 1968 to show award of the:
  - Army Good Conduct Medal
  - Korea Defense Service Medal
- c. and other awarded or entitled awards and/or decorations during his period of military service.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552)
- DD Form 214
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification 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 feels he earned the Army Good Conduct Medal and the Korea Defense Service Medal which is not on his DD Form 214. He also would like his records reviewed to see if he is entitled to any additional awards/decorations.
3. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 22 August 1966.
4. His DA Form 20 shows in:

a. item 31 (Foreign Service), he received overseas tour credit for service in Korea from 9 February 1967 through 8 June 1968 [see Administrative Notes], and

b. item 38 (Record of Assignments), he was assigned to Company A, 1st Battalion, 73d Armor Regiment, U.S. Army Pacific, during his service in Korea. He received all "Excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings throughout his service.

5. He was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve by reason of early release overseas returnee. He completed 1 year, 9 months, and 18 days of total active service. Item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) of his DD Form 214 only shows the National Defense Service Medal.

6. His service records do not contain orders awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal. His records are also void of any derogatory or adverse information, or a disqualification statement from his commander that would have precluded award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

7. There is no additional documentation or regulation that constitutes evidence showing the applicant is authorized any awards, decorations, badges, or unit awards other than the awards discussed above.

#### 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 documentation, the Board made the following findings and recommendations related to the requested relief:

- adding Army Good Conduct Medal: GRANT, based upon the applicant's DA Form 20 showing he received exceptional conduct during his entire period of military service.
- adding Korea Defense Service Medal: GRANT, based upon the applicant's DA Form 20 showing the applicant completed a tour in Korea during his period of military service.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1    Mbr 2    Mbr 3

:XXX    :XXX    :XXX    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 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 service from 22 August 1966 to 10 June 1968
- Korea Defense Service Medal

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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 600-8-22 (Military Awards) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards. 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.

3. Army Regulation 672-5-1 (Awards) stated the Army Good Conduct Medal was awarded for each 3-year period 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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