

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 14 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008493

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect his foreign service in Vietnam and any awards or decorations authorized.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 for service ending 20 August 1965

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 requests the correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect his 6-months of foreign service in Vietnam and any awards or decorations authorized.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - On 31 October 1962, he enlisted in the Regular Army
 - DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:
 - Item 29 (Foreign Service) does not reflect he served outside the continental United States (OCONUS)
 - Item 33 (Record of Assignments) does not reflect he served OCONUS
 - DA Form 24 (Service Record) shows in:
 - Section 2 (Chronological Record of Military Service) does not reflect he served OCONUS
 - Section 5 (Service OCONUS) does not reflect he served OCONUS
 - Section 7 (Combat Record) does not reflect he was in combat

- Section 9 (Medals, Decorations and Citations) reflects he was awarded the:
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar by Special Orders Number 282
 - Parachutist Badge by Special Orders Number 89
- On 12 December 1962, he was awarded the Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M1) by Special Orders Number 282
- On 17 March 1963, he was assigned to Fort Benning, GA by Special Orders Number 53
- On 22 April 1963, he was assigned to Fort Campbell, KY by Special Orders Number 89
- On 26 April 1963, he was assigned to 101st Quartermaster Parachute Support and Maintenance Company (Airborne Division), Fort Campbell, KY by Special Orders Number 104
- On or about 4 August 1963, he was on temporary duty at Fort Lee, Virginia to attend Parachute Packing Maintenance and Air Drop Course by Letter Orders Number 7-208
- On 27 February 1965, while assigned to Fort Campbell, KY, he accepted non-judicial punishment for being absent without leave on or about 25 February 1965, his punishment included extra duty and restriction
- On 20 August 1965, he was honorably released from active duty and assigned to the U.S Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Reinforcement), DD Form 214 shows in:
 - Item 24c (Foreign and/or Sea Service): 0-years, 0-months and 0-days
 - Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):
 - Parachutist Badge
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
 - Item 32 (Remarks): does not reflect service in Vietnam
- On 31 October 1967, he was assigned to the USAR Control Group (Standby) by Letter Orders Number 09-326961

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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The Board found there was insufficient evidence to show he served in Vietnam, nor did the

applicant provide any documentation to prove his claim. Furthermore, the Board noted he was not authorized any awards for service in Vietnam. Therefore, the Board determined there was no error or injustice and denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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


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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, USC, 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) 635-5 (Separation Documents) in effect at the time, provides the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. For item 12 (Record of Service) (Foreign Service): Enter the total amount of service performed outside the continental United States (OCONUS) during the period covered in item 12 to include deployments. Additionally, list periods of deployed service in remarks. For Remarks; use this block for entries required by Headquarters Department of the Army for which a separate block is not available and for completing entries that are too long for their blocks. Additionally, the remarks will state "SERVICE IN (NAME OF COUNTRY DEPLOYED) FROM (inclusive dates for example, YYYYMMDD -YYYYMMDD).
3. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards) procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges. Paragraph 1-27 (Announcement of awards), a. Decorations; (1) The award of all decorations, except for the MOH, will be announced in Permanent Orders (PO) by the appropriate awards approval authority before recording information in the Soldier's service record. (2) Additionally, awards made by the President, the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF), and the SECARMY will be announced in Department of the Army General Orders (AGO). b. Service medals and service ribbons; Service medals and service ribbons are administratively awarded to individuals who meet the qualifying criteria. Orders are not required except for the Army Good Conduct Medal which will be published in a PO and included in the Soldier's service record. c. Badges; Permanent awards of badges, except Basic Marksmanship Qualification badges, identification badges (less the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge, and Military Horseman Identification Badge), will be announced in POs by commanders authorized to make the award before recording information in the Soldier's service record.

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