

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 13 November 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009432

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the following:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 10 April 2024
- DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty), 6 August 1975

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 earned all the medals during his military service from 8 August 1972 to 8 August 1975.
3. The applicant requests award of the 36th Infantry Army Band supply clerk medal, there is no such award referenced in Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards). Therefore, this portion of his request will not be further addressed in this record of proceedings.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 7 August 1972.
5. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows the following:
 - a. The highest rank he attained was specialist four/E-4.
 - b. Item 38 (Record of Assignments) shows from 21 August 1972 to 7 November 1974 he earned all excellent conduct and efficiency ratings.

c. Item 41 (Awards and Decorations) shows he was awarded the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with M-16 rifle.

6. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Records) shows in Item 35 (Current and Previous Assignments) he served with the 36th Army Band as a clerk typist starting 21 April 1975.

7. The applicant was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group on 6 August 1975. His DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) shows he was awarded or authorized the following decorations, medals, badges, commendation, citations, and campaign ribbons:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Parachutist Badge

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial 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:

- Add Army Service Ribbon: DENY, based upon the regulatory guidance showing to qualify for the award you must have military service after 1 August 1981, and the applicant's last period of military service ended in 1975.
- Add my Good Conduct Medal: GRANT, based upon the applicant's military record showing he had excellent conduct during his entire period of military service.
- Add Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge: GRANT, based upon the information reflected below in the administrative notes.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	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 partial 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.
2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to awarding the Army Service Ribbon.
3. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative note 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):

A review of the applicant's record and Army Regulations show he meets the regulatory criteria for an additional award not currently listed on his DD Form 214; for the period ending 6 August 1975. Please add the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16) in Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized).

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) states the Army Service Ribbon was established by the Secretary of the Army on 10 April 1981. Effective 1 August 1981, all members of the Active Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve in an active Reserve status are eligible for the award upon successful completion of initial entry training. The award may be awarded retroactively to those personnel who completed the required training before 1 August 1981 provided they had an Active Army status on or after 1 August 1981.
3. Army Regulation 672-5-1 (Awards), in effect at the time, stated 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, 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. Ratings of "Unknown" for portions of the period under consideration were not disqualifying. Service school efficiency ratings based upon academic proficiency of at least "Good" rendered subsequent to 22 November 1955 were not disqualifying. There must have been no convictions by a court-martial. However, there was no right or entitlement to the medal until the immediate commander made a positive recommendation for its award and until the awarding authority announced the award in General Orders.

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