

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 3 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009981

APPLICANT REQUESTS: award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- National Personnel Records Center Letter detailing the shipment for replacement awards
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) excerpt to be addressed in the service record below
- Memorandum, Subject: Request for Certificate of Purple Heart showing the request for presentation of a certificate for the award of the Purple Heart
- Transmittal of Awards Letter showing he was provided with the award certificate and copies were placed in his service record
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), ending 30 April 1968 to be addressed in the service record below

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 should have been awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge
- He was assigned to A Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, First Cavalry Division for 2.5 months and performed infantry duties with the company until he was wounded in combat action

3. A review of the applicant's service record reflects the following:

- On 3 May 1965, he enlisted in the Regular Army

- Special Orders Number 149, dated 25 June 1965 was issued awarding him Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 95B (Military Policeman)
- DA Form 20 shows the following:
 - Item 8 (Duty MOS) 95B
 - Item 22 (Military Occupational Specialties) shows secondary MOS 11B (Light Weapons Infantryman), effective 30 April 1966
 - Item 27 (Military Education) shows 95B, 8 weeks, 1965
 - Item 31 (Foreign Service) Vietnam from 12 April 1966 – 30 June 1966
 - Item 41 (Awards and Decorations) shows he was awarded the following:
 - Vietnam Service Medal
 - Purple Heart
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge (45 Caliber Pistol)
- General Orders Number 1736, dated 18 May 1966 was issued awarding him the Purple Heart for wounds received in connection with military operations against a hostile force while stationed in the Republic of Vietnam with the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division
- DD Form 214, ending 30 April 1968 reflects an honorable release from active duty with service from 3 May 1965 to 30 April 1968 for a net active service of 2 years, 11 months, and 28 days.
 - Item 23a (Specialty Number and Title) shows 11B (Light Weapons Infantryman)
 - Item 24 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) shows he was awarded the following:
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Vietnam Campaign Medal
 - Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award)
 - Vietnam Service Medal
 - Purple Heart
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-14)
 - Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar (.45 Caliber)

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 applicant's DA Form 20 and his DD Form 214 showing he held the MOS of 11B during his period of service in Vietnam, as well as his earning the Purple Heart during his Vietnam service, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to award and add the Combat Infantryman Badge to the applicant's military record.
2. Prior to closing the case, IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES below from the analyst of record, the Board recommended awarded and adding the Army Good Conduct Medal to the applicant's military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
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:	:	:	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 Combat Infantryman Badge
- awarding and adding the Army Good Conduct Medal for the military service period 1 May 1965 to 30 April 1968

2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended those changes 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):

1. Reference the enclosed request for correction of military records from the subject individual to correct his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 30 April 1968, by adding the following awards:

- one bronze service star to his already awarded Vietnam Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation

2. A review of the records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

- DD Form 214
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)
- Department of the Army General Order Number 8, 1974

3. Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by adding the awards shown in paragraph 1 above. Provide the applicant a copy of the corrections, and as applicable the medals and citations. Please ensure that the corrections are recorded in the applicant's official military personnel record.

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 there are basically three requirements for award of the Combat Infantryman Badge. The Soldier must be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties, he must be assigned to an infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat, and he must actively participate in such ground combat.

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