

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 16 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010777

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) to reflect award of the following:

- Basic Aviation Badge
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Headquarters, 6th Personnel and Administration Battalion Special Orders Number 228, 15 August 1972
- DA Form 759-1 (Individual Flight Record and Flight Certificate – Army – Part II), July – September 1972
- DA Form 759-1, September – October 1972
- DA Form 759 (Individual Flight Record and Flight Certificate – Army – Part I), September – October 1972
- DD Form 214, covering the period ending 2 January 1974

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:

a. He is requesting correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect award of the Basic Aviation Badge, Korea Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

b. He was on flight status while serving in Korea from 1971 – 1972. His Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) was 67N (UH-1 Helicopter Repairman) and he regularly participated in aerial flight as a crew member in connection with his duty as a crew chief.

c. In addition to that, his service with the 239th Aviation Company made him eligible for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, and the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation.

3. The Board will not consider the applicant's request for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, as this award is already listed on his DD Form 214, or the Korea Defense Service Medal as this Item will be addressed through an administrative correction without action by the Board.

4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 31 March 1971.

5. The applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows:

- he was awarded the MOS 67A (Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice) on 11 August 1971 and MOS 67N on 11 February 1972
- he served in Korea from 26 September 1971 through 20 October 1972
- he was assigned to the 239th Aviation Company as a light truck driver in MOS 67A, from 1 October 1971 through 12 September 1972
- he was assigned to the 117th Aviation Company as a light truck driver in MOS 67A from 13 September 1972 through 19 October 1972
- he was awarded or authorized the National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

6. Headquarters, 6th Personnel and Administration Battalion Special Orders Number 228, 15 August 1972, required the applicant to perform as a crewmember effective 1 July 1972. The special instructions show he was required to participate regularly and frequently in aerial flight as a crewmember in connection with his duty as crew chief.

7. Multiple DA Form 759-1 and DA Form 759 reflect the applicant accrued 57 flight hours as the first pilot between the months of July – September 1972

8. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows:

a. His primary MOS was 67N.

b. He was honorably released from active duty on 2 January 1974 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

c. He was credited with 2 years, 9 months, and 1 day of net active service, including 1 year and 25 days of foreign service in Korea and 1 day of lost time.

d. He was awarded or authorized the:

- National Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea)
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar

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:

- Basic Aviation Badge: DENY, based upon the regulatory guidance requirement for receiving the award requiring flight missions be combat missions and the applicant's record failing to show the applicant participating in flight combat missions while assigned in Korea.
- Korea Defense Service Medal: GRANT, based upon the information reflected in the applicant's military record and the administrative notes below.
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal: DENY, based upon the award already reflected on the applicant's DD Form 214.
- Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation: DENY, based upon the lack of information in the applicant's record showing he was awarded the award and he served during a qualifying period to receive it.

BOARD VOTE:

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: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 record as annotated below in the administrative notes.
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 all other requested relief.

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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 records shows his DD Form 214 covering the period ending 2 January 1974, should be amended by adding the Korea Defense Service Medal to item 24 (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) prescribes Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual and unit military awards.

a. The Basic Aviation Badge is authorized for permanent award to an individual who has participated in at least 15 combat missions under probable exposure to enemy fire while performing in-flight duties. Permanent award of the Basic Aviation Badge is authorized to individuals upon successful completion of advanced individual training (AIT) in career management fields (CMFs) 67 (aircraft maintenance) and 93 (aviation operations) and to Soldiers who previously completed AIT in CMF 28 (aviation communications and electronic systems maintenance). Permanent award of the Basic Aviation Badge is also authorized for Soldiers holding a 68 series (aircraft components repair) military occupational specialty (MOS); Soldiers holding MOSs 35L, 35M, 35Q, and 35W who graduated from AIT in CMF 67 prior to 30 September 1996; Soldiers holding MOS 93C or MOS 93P who graduated from AIT in CMF 93 after 31 December 1985; Soldiers holding MOS 93B who graduated from AIT in CMF 93 prior to 1 January 1998; and Soldiers previously holding MOS 93D who graduated from a CMF 93 AIT prior to 30 September 1996 based on documented AIT after 31 December 1985. In all cases, successful completion of AIT or prior AIT is required.

b. 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.

c. The Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation is awarded by the Korean government. Not more than one such badge will be worn by any individual and no oak leaf cluster or other appurtenance is authorized.

3. Department of the Army Pamphlet 672-3 (Unit Citation and Campaign Participation Credit Register) lists the awards received by units serving during the Vietnam Conflict, the Grenada Operation, and the period of service subsequent to the Vietnam Conflict up to the present time. Additional unit awards are included for meritorious achievement in the continental United States (CONUS) and in foreign countries. This pamphlet does not

show the 239th Aviation Company or the 117th Aviation Company were awarded the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation by Department of the Army General Orders.

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