

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010928

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect his Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) as 95D (Dog Handler) in lieu of 95B (Military Police)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Headquarters, U.S. Army Advanced Weapons Support Command Letter Order Number 05-66, 27 May 1970
- U.S. Air Force Certificate of Training, 13 July 1970
- Headquarters, U.S. Army Advanced Weapons Support Command Letter Order Number 07-68, 20 July 1970
- Department of Labor, Employment Rights and Employment Data, 11 January 1972

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 is requesting a change to his MOS from 95B to 95D, due to serving years as a dog handler. The correction should be made because it reflects the reality, his training, and his performance.
3. Note to the Board, at the time of the applicant's service, MOS 00C was Dog Handler, 95B was Military Policeman, 95D was Assistant Criminal Investigator.
4. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 1 April 1969.
5. The applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows:
  - he completed 8 weeks of 95B Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in 1969

- he was awarded the MOS 95B (Military Policeman) on 15 August 1969
- his Duty MOS was consistently 95B from 3 September 1969 through 9 January 1972
- his principal duty was Military Policeman from 3 September 1969 through 29 October 1970 and Security Guard from 30 October 1970 through 9 January 1972

6. Headquarters, U.S. Army Advanced Weapons Support Command Letter Order Number 05-66, 27 May 1970, ordered the applicant to temporary duty (TDY) at Wiesbaden Beibrich, Germany, effective 8 June 1970, to attend Sentry Dog Training School for approximately 45 days. His MOS is listed on the orders as 95B.

7. A U.S. Air Force Certificate of Training, 13 July 1970, shows the applicant successfully completed the U.S. Air Force Europe Sentry Dog Handler Course, consisting of 240 academic hours.

8. Headquarters, U.S. Army Advanced Weapons Support Command Letter Order Number 07-68, 20 July 1970, amended the above-referenced TDY orders to reflect a different accounting classification for the duty.

9. A Department of Labor, Employment Rights and Employment Data, 11 January 1972, shows the applicant's dates of active Army service were from 1 April 1969 through 13 January 1972 and his MOS and skills are listed as Dog Handler (Sentry Dog).

10. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows:

- he was honorably released from active duty on 13 January 1972 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Control Group (Reinforcement)
- he was credited with 2 years, 9 months, and 13 days of net active service
- his MOS is listed as 95B
- his Education and Training Completed reflects MP AIT, 95B, August 1969

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military record, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions for correction of his DD Form 214 to reflect he was awarded the MOS 95D (Dog Handler) on 13 July 1970. Based on this, the Board majority granted relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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| :XXX | :    | :XXX | GRANT FULL RELIEF    |
| :    | :    | :    | GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF |
| :    | :    | :    | GRANT FORMAL HEARING |
| :    | :XXX | :    | 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 the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 13 January 1972 to show in block 23a (Specialty Number & Title) 95D (Dog Handler).

**X** //SIGNED//

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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribes forms to be used in the separation of Army personnel and are applicable to all officer and enlisted personnel on active duty, to include the DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge).

a. The general instructions state all available records will be used as a basis for the preparation of the DD Form 214.

b. The specific instructions for preparation of the DD Form 214 state:

(1) In item 23a (Specialty Number and Title) enter primary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) code number, title, and date of award.

(2) In item 25 (Education and Training Completed) enter service schools, including major courses which were successfully completed and military sponsored courses completed in civilian schools and colleges during the period covered by the DD Form 214 being prepared. For enlisted personnel, enter installation training courses (qualification courses), military correspondence courses, and off-duty courses the enlisted persona has completed successfully during the period covered by the DD Form 214.

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