

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011373

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to be awarded the Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal and other awards or citations.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Headquarters (HQs), Detachment, 145th Aviation Battalion (AV BN) Unit Orders Number 67 dated 15 September 1964 shows the applicant was permanently appointed to the rank/grade of private first class/E-3
- Unknown card shows the applicant was assigned to HQs and HQs Company, 145th AV BN, APO 143
- SF 46 (U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card shows the applicant was assigned to the 145th AV BN, APO 143
- Unknown identification card in Vietnamese
- HQs Detachment, 145th AV BN Unit Orders Number 20 dated 16 March 1965 shows the applicant was appointed to the temporary rank/grade of specialist four/E-4
- HQs, 145th AV BN Special Orders Number 148 dated 16 July 1965 shows the applicant was assigned to HQs and HQs Company, 2nd Brigade, 5th Infantry Division, Fort Devens, MA due in the Continental United States, effective 21 August 1965
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge)

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 awarding of the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device will not be considered by the Board as there is sufficient evidence to substantiate correction of his DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

3. The applicant states he just discovered the error on his DD Form 214 and would like it to be corrected.

4. A review of the applicant's service records shows:

- On 14 January 1964, he enlisted in the Regular Army
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:
 - Item 31 (Foreign Service): served in the Vietnam during the period of 9 August 1964 through 20 August 1965
 - Item 38 (Record of Assignments): shows he received excellent rating for conduct and efficiency in all his assignments
 - Item 41 (Awards and Decorations):
 - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - National Defense Service Medal
- On 13 January 1967, he was honorably released from active duty and assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement)
- DD Form 214 shows in:
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 - Item 24a (1) (Net Service This Period): 3-years
 - Item 24c (Foreign and/or Sea Service): 1-year and 12-days
 - Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):
 - National Defense Service Medal
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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. The evidence of record shows on the applicant's DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), item 38 (Record of Assignments): shows he received excellent rating for conduct and efficiency in all his assignments. Therefore, the Board granted award of the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award).

2. Prior to the Board closing, the Board noted the applicant's records were void of awards and decorations to make his record complete as identified in the administrative notes section of the record of proceedings.

BOARD VOTE:

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XXX	XXX	XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant partial 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 1967 by:

- awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) for the qualifying period 14 January 1964 to 13 January 1967
- adding the Army Good Conduct Medal (First Award) to his DD Form 214

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.

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 of service January 14, 1964, through January 13, 1967, by amending: Item 26:

- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation
- Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars

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 period of service January 14, 1964, through January 13, 1967
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)
- Department of the Army General Orders Number 8, dated 1974
- Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards)

3. Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by amending the items shown in paragraph 1 above. Provide the applicant a copy of the corrections. 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), implements a part of the Army Awards Program. It prescribes Department of the Army (DA) policy, criteria, and procedures for individual and unit military awards and foreign decorations and badges. Chapter 4 (Army Good Conduct Medal), awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal military service. It is awarded on a selective basis to each Soldier who distinguishes themselves from their fellow Soldiers by exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service. There is no right or entitlement to the medal until the immediate commander has approved the award and the award has been announced in permanent orders. Qualifying periods of service for the Army Good Conduct Medal, any one of the following periods of continuous enlisted active Federal military service qualifies for award of the AGCM or an AGCM Clasp:

- Each 3-years completed on or after 27 August 1940
- For first award only, 1-year served entirely during the period 7 December 1941 to 2 March 1946
- For first award only, upon termination of service on or after 27 June 1950, of less than 3-years but more than 1-year, subsequent awards must be for a completion of 3-years of continuous enlisted active Federal military service

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