

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011889

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

- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Permanent Orders 197-2 (Headquarters, United States Army Recruiting Command)

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 his DD Form 214 does not show he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, nor the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar.
3. On 25 October 1974, he enlisted in the Regular Army. He held military occupational specialty 92B (Medical Laboratory Specialist).
4. The available service record does not contain evidence of misconduct or nonjudicial punishment. However, the available evidence does contain the following:
 - a. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) showing in block 9 (Awards, Decorations, and Campaigns), the Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-16).

b. A DD Form 214, showing he was honorably released from active duty on 21 October 1977 and transferred to the United States Army Reserve. The DD Form 214 also shows in:

- Block 18a (Net Active Service This Period) "02 11 28"
- Block 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), the Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge Rifle (M-16)

c. Neither the Army Good Conduct Medal, nor the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar are listed as authorized awards for the applicant in the available evidence.

5. The applicant provides, and his record contains:

a. He provides Permanent Orders 197-2, published by Headquarters, United States Army Recruiting Command, dated 2 December 1977, awarding him the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service from 30 November 1976 to 21 October 1977. This award will be administratively added to the Applicant's DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

b. His service record contains Permanent Orders 109-15, published by Headquarters, United States Army Recruiting Command, dated 28 December 1976, awarding him the Joint Service Commendation Medal for meritorious service from 13 June 1975 to 30 November 1976.

6. The Joint Service Commendation Medal (2nd Award) will be administratively added to his DD Form 214 without action by the Board.

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:

Adding the Joint Service Commendation Medal: GRANT, based upon the applicant's record having an awards order for the award and the applicant's DD Form 214 not currently reflecting the award.

Awarding and Adding the Army Good Conduct Medal: Based upon the available documentation failing to show any derogatory information within the applicant's military record, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to award and add the Army Good Conduct Medal to the applicant's military record.

Adding the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar: DENY, based upon the lack of evidence in the applicant's record showing the applicant's qualification for such award.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:	:	:	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 adding the Joint Commendation Service Medal and awarding and adding the Army Good Conduct Medal for the service period 25 October 1974 through 21 October 1977.
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 adding the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Granade Bar .

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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.

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. The Army Good Conduct Medal is awarded to individuals who distinguish themselves by their conduct, efficiency, and fidelity. This period is 3 years except in those cases when the period for the first award ends with the termination of a period of active Federal military service. Although there is no automatic entitlement to the Army Good Conduct Medal, disqualification must be justified. There is no evidence the applicant was disqualified for the award.
3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 also sets forth requirements for award of basic marksmanship qualification badges. The qualification badge is awarded to indicate the

degree in which an individual has qualified in a prescribed record course, and an appropriate bar is furnished to denote each weapon with which the individual has qualified. The qualification badges are in three classes: Expert, Sharpshooter, and Marksman. This includes the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar.

4. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), then in effect, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. In established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. In pertinent part, it stated the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It is important that information entered on the form should be complete and accurate. Chapter 2 of Army Regulation 635-5 contains guidance on the preparation of the DD Form 214.

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