

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240012932

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device (valor).

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 the medal and citation for the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device was sent to him approximately one month following his discharge. The award was given to him for actions at Xom Rang Village, Cu Chi Province, Vietnam, on or around 10 May 1969. On that date, his point man was shot and he braved intense gunfire to drag him to safety. At the time of this action, he was squad leader with Charlie Company, 1/508th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division.
3. The applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States on 16 October 1967. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows he arrived in Vietnam on 7 September 1968.
4. Orders published on 21 June 1969 awarded the applicant the Bronze Star Medal (note: without "V" device) for meritorious service during the period 14 October 1968 through 14 June 1969.
5. The applicant's DA Form 20 does not show in item 41 (Awards and Decorations) that he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device.
6. The applicant was released from active duty on 1 September 1969. His

DD Form 214 shows he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal; however, it does not show he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device.

7. A search of the Awards and Decorations Computer-Assisted Retrieval System (ADCARS), an index of general orders issued during the Vietnam era between 1965 and 1973, maintained by the Military Awards Branch of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command, did not find orders for the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device pertaining to the applicant.

8. There are no orders or any other evidence in the applicant's records indicating he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device.

BOARD DISCUSSION:


After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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 did not show the "V" device was authorized in conjunction with the applicant's Bronze Star Medal. Therefore, the Board determined the requested relief is not warranted.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	XXX	XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.



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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) states the bronze "V" device indicates acts of heroism involving conflict with an armed enemy and authorizes the device in conjunction with awards of the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.
3. Army Regulation 15-185 (ABCMR) provides Department of the Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions regarding an applicant's request for the correction of a military record. Paragraph 2-9 states the ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of evidence.

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