

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 9 September 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20250000755

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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 he was deployed to Vietnam from 1967 thru 1968 where he was assigned to 3rd Brigade, 1-14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division and also 4th Infantry Division. His DD Form 214 does not list his award of the Combat Infantryman Badge.
3. A review of the applicant's service records show:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 September 1966. He was awarded military occupational specialty (MOS) 11H (Infantryman Direct Fire Crewmen).
 - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows in:
 - (1) item 31 (Foreign Service): Vietnam from 19 February 1967 to 19 February 1968
 - (2) item 38 (Record of Assignments) the following:
 - 6 March 1967 to 26 September 1967: 11B, A Company, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division
 - 27 September 1967 to 10 February 1968: 11H, D Company 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division

(3) item 41 (Awards, Decorations and Campaigns) – Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 19 September 1969. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Vietnam Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars
- National Defense Service Medal
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with (106 RR)
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Pistol Bar
- Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with 50 Cal Machine Gun

d. A DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) issued on 7 August 2009 shows the applicant was awarded the Purple Heart.

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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence of record shows the applicant held military occupational specialty 11B (Infantryman) and served in Vietnam from 19 February 1967 to 19 February 1968, assigned to a unit which engaged in combat. In addition, the Board noted that the applicant was awarded the Purple Heart for combat action. Therefore, the Board determined the applicant met the criteria for the award of the Combat Infantryman Badge and granted relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by awarding the applicant the Combat Infantryman Badge and adding it to his DD Form 214 ending on 19 September 1969.

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 672-5-1 (Awards), in effect at the time, states the purpose of the awards program is to provide tangible evidence of public recognition for acts of valor and for exceptional service or achievement. (Combat Infantryman Badge) stated an individual must be an infantry officer in the grade of colonel or below, or an enlisted man or a warrant officer with infantry MOS, who, subsequent to 6 December 1941, has satisfactorily performed duty while assigned or attached as a member of an infantry unit

of brigade, regimental, or smaller size during any period such unit was engaged in active ground combat. Battle participation credit alone is not sufficient; the unit must have been in active ground combat with the enemy during the period.

3. Army Regulation 600-8-22 (Military Awards) provides Army policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning individual military decorations. The Combat Infantryman Badge is awarded to infantry officers and to enlisted and warrant officer persons who have an infantry military occupational specialty (MOS). They must have served in active ground combat while assigned or attached to an infantry unit of brigade, regimental or smaller size. Additionally, Appendix V of U.S. Army Vietnam (USARV) Regulation 672-1 states that during the Vietnam era the Combat Infantryman Badge was awarded only to enlisted individuals who held and served in MOS 11B, 11C, 11D, 11F, 11G, or 11H.

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