



**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2021-03317

COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

Correct his DD Form 214, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*, block 19b (Nearest Relative) to reflect his spouse's information.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

Information in block 19b does not match the name he entered on his DD Form 214 worksheet submitted to the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) prior to his retirement. He listed XXX Sr. (Senior); however, his final DD Form 214 reflects the name with "Jr" (Junior). The suffix was modified without his knowledge or consent. He made two changes to his address in block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) only; no other information should have changed. Block 19b no longer reflects the name of his nearest relative.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a retired Air Force master sergeant (E-7).

According to DD Form 214, dated 31 Mar 20, block 19b (Nearest Relative) reflects XXX Jr.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B and the advisory at Exhibit C.

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFI 36-3202, *Separation Documents*, Table 4, rule 50, block 19b (nearest relative) is used to indicate the name and address of the nearest relative at the time of separation. This data is for administrative purposes only and may be used to contact the applicant during the time immediately after separation, if necessary. Once the applicant has been separated over a period of time, this information is no longer relevant, nor does it affect benefits or entitlements. Furthermore, corrections to the DD Form 214 are limited by DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*, to two amendments, and those amendments should be limited to correcting data that could have an impact on the applicant's future benefits and entitlements.

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AIR FORCE EVALUATION

AFPC/DP2SSR recommends denying the application. The addresses in block 19a and 19b of the DD 214 are for administrative purposes only and have no effect on benefits and entitlements. Once separation or retirement has consummated, the DD Form 214 is not used to contact the service member or nearest relative; therefore, changes are not warranted. Veterans and/or retirees should provide address changes with their respective Veteran's Administration (VA) or Dependent Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) office since the DD Form 214 is also not used for address validation.

The complete advisory opinion is at Exhibit C.

APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF AIR FORCE EVALUATION

The Board sent a copy of the advisory opinion to the applicant on 28 Mar 22 for comment (Exhibit D), and the applicant replied on 30 Mar 22. In his response, the applicant contended the DD Form 214 worksheet submitted to AFPC listed his father's name with the suffix Sr. His father served honorably for 30 years in the Navy and his correct suffix is Sr. AFPC changed the suffix to Jr. without consent. His DD Form 214 no longer reflects the name of any close living relative. He would like the Board to consider an administrative correction to the suffix of his father's name.

The applicant's complete response is at Exhibit E.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

1. The application was timely filed.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is not the victim of an error or injustice. While the Board notes the incorrect suffix was documented within block 19b, that section is not used once the discharge or retirement consummates. The Board concurs with the rationale and recommendation of AFPC/DP2SSR and finds a preponderance of the evidence does not substantiate the applicant's contentions. Therefore, the Board recommends against correcting the applicant's records.
4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board recommends informing the applicant the evidence did not demonstrate material error or injustice, and the Board will reconsider the application only upon receipt of relevant evidence not already presented.

CERTIFICATION

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The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 1.5, considered Docket Number BC-2021-03317 in Executive Session on 14 Jun 22:

[REDACTED], Panel Chair
[REDACTED], Panel Member
[REDACTED], Panel Member

All members voted against correcting the record. The panel considered the following:

- Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 13 May 21.
- Exhibit B: Documentary evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.
- Exhibit C: Advisory Opinion, AFPC/DP2SSR, dated 25 Mar 22.
- Exhibit D: Notification of Advisory, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 28 Mar 22.
- Exhibit E: Applicant's Response, dated 30 Mar 22.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by AFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.11.9.

4/13/2025

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: [REDACTED]