

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230002998

APPLICANT REQUESTS: A change of her Separation Code for [Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Home Loan Guaranty] eligibility purposes.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty)
- VA Benefits Summary letter

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 she has been granted a 100 percent disability from the VA and she is now financially able to purchase a home to live in, but her separation code is preventing her from obtaining a VA home Loan Guaranty.
3. A review of the applicant service record shows, she enlisted under the name Crxxxx, in the Regular Army on 7 July 1981 for 4 years. She did not complete basic training and the highest grade she held was E-1.
4. Due to the applicant's limited period of active service, the available records contain very little information on her separation processing.
5. A Disposition Form, dated 7 August 1981, shows the applicant was placed in an outpatient medical hold status, due to bilateral pes planus (flat feet) with the restrictions of no crawling, stooping, running, jumping, marching for more than a quarter mile, or continuous wearing of combat boots. She was found to have a physical defect, which affected her training Assignment.

6. The available record does not contain any additional documentation of her separation processing.

7. The applicant was discharged on 13 August 1981 in the pay grade of E-1. Her DD Form 214 shows she was discharged under the provisions of Army Regulation (AR) 635-200 (Personnel Separations), paragraph 5-7, with a separation code of JFT - for failure to meet procurement medical fitness standards.

- Her service characterization was honorable.
- She was credited with 1 month and 7 days of net active service and 3 months and 21 days of prior inactive service.

#### 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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The applicant was discharged under the provisions of 635-200 or failure to meet procurement medical fitness standards, after completing 3 months and 27 days of active service. She was assigned separation code of JFT. Separation Code JFT is the correct Separation Code for enlisted Soldiers who were then separated under the provisions of AR 635-200 or failure to meet procurement medical fitness standards. The Board did not find evidence of an error or an injustice or a reason to change this code.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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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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 15–185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR). It states that 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 the evidence. The ABCMR will decide cases based on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body.
3. Army Regulation 635-200 (Personnel Separations – Enlisted Personnel), paragraph (5-7 changed to 5-11), in effect at the time, stated that members who were not medically qualified under procurement medical fitness standards when accepted for enlistment would be separated. Medical proceedings, regardless of the date completed, must establish that a medical condition was identified appropriate medical authority within 4 months of the member's initial entrance on active duty or active duty for training.
4. Army Regulation 635-5-1 (SPD Codes) provides the specific authorities (regulatory or directive), reasons for separating Soldiers from active duty, and the SPD codes to be entered on the DD Form 214. It states that the SPD code of JFT is the appropriate code to assign to Soldiers separated under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200, paragraph 5-11 for failure to meet procurement medical fitness standards - no disability.

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