

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 12 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011674

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show:

a. She completed the:

- Airborne Course
- Reserve Component (RC) Master Physical Fitness Training Course

b. The completion of her Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Course for 6 and one-half months vice 8 weeks.

c. In effect, correct block 7 (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) to read 73rd Field Hospital, United States Army Reserve (USAR), Columbus, Georgia.

d. She completed annual training.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- U.S. Army Diploma AMEDD Officer Basic Course
- The Commander's Award Certificate
- RC Master Fitness Trainer Course Certificate
- General Discharge Certificate
- Military Pay Voucher (Unreadable)
- Pictures of Applicant
- Army Eyewear Prescription

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, her AMEDD Officer Basic Course was six and a half months long and after her Officer Basic Course, she returned to Fort Sam, Houston to be an executive officer for one month. She was a member of the 73rd Field Hospital, USAR in Columbus, Georgia from 1 November 1985 through 5 March 1996. According to her DD Form 214, her information is posted incorrectly. She is requesting all of her training courses listed be corrected on her DD Form 214. All serviced information data should reflect the servicemembers entire military service. She does not understand why only her AMEDD Officer Basic course is listed as an eight-week course. She is an American Soldier and would greatly appreciate the Board's assistance pertaining to her inquiries. Standard Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records) was completed on 13 May 2022 and she has yet to receive an updated DD Form 214 for her military service records. She was a Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) student enrolled at Georgia Institute of Technology and Clark Atlanta University from 1 August 1980 through 1 May 1984. Finally, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is requesting these documents for her VA appeal(s).

3. Although the applicant further states she completed annual training with the 73rd Field Hospital USAR. It is unclear what she is requesting with this statement and this issue will not be discussed further in these proceedings.

4. The applicant provides the following documents:

- a. The Commander's Award Certificate, 19 December 1984, presented to the applicant for achieving a score of 200 on the Army Physical Readiness Test.
- b. RC Master Fitness Trainer Course Certificate, 14 February 1986.
- c. General Discharge Certificate showing the applicant was discharged from the United States Army on 5 March 1996.

5. The applicant's service record contains the following documents:

- a. DA Form 71 (Oath of Office - Military Personnel) shows she took the oath of office as a Reserve commissioned officer on 20 May 1984.
- b. Orders 15-2, published by U.S. Army First ROTC Region Instructor Group, 22 May 1984, relieved the applicant from U.S. Army Control Group (ROTC) effective 20 May 1984.
- c. Orders 150-8, published by Headquarters, First ROTC Region, 9 August 1984, assigned the applicant to USAR Control Group (Annual Training) effective 20 May 1984.

d. DD Form 214 shows the applicant entered active duty, as a member of the USAR, on 16 October 1984 and was honorably released on 19 December 1984. She had completed 2 months and 4 days of active-duty service. She completed training in the area of concentration of 67B (Field Medical Assistant) for a period of eight weeks.

e. U.S. Army Diploma shows she successfully completed the AMEDD Officer Basic Course on 19 December 1984. There is no indication of the duration of the course.

f. Orders C-07-909238, published by USAR Personnel Command, 18 July 1985, voluntarily relived the applicant from the USAR Control Group (Annual Training) and assigned her to the 73rd USAR Field Hospital effective 25 June 1985.

g. DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record), 13 June 1987, shows in:

(1) Block 17 (Civilian Education and Military Schools): Airborne Training, 1981; AMEDD Officer Basic Course, 8 weeks, 1984.

(2) Block 35 (Record of Assignment): 18 October 1984, AMEDD Basic Student, Patient Officer Administration Officer, 73rd Field Hospital.

h. Orders 59-34, published by Headquarters, 81st USAR Command, 29 July 1987, voluntarily transferred her to USAR Control Group (Reinforcement) effective 10 July 1987.

i. Memorandum: Resignation in Lieu of Involuntary Separation Action, 27 October 1995, recommended approval of the resignation of the applicant in lieu of involuntary separation. The applicant's commander recommended she be honorably discharged from the USAR.

j. DA Form 5016 (Chronological Statement of Retirement Points), 4 December 2023, shows she was a member of the USAR from 20 May 1984 through 19 May 1996. She received 15 membership points for all the years with the following active duty points:

- 20 May 1984 to 19 May 1985: 62 points
- 20 May 1985 to 19 May 1986: 15 points
- 20 May 1986 to 19 May 1987: 2 points
- All following years she had no active duty points

k. The applicant's service record shows she attended the Airborne Course in 1981, which was before she was ordered to active duty on 16 October 1984. Her service records also show she was assigned to the 73rd Field Hospital on 25 June 1985, which was after she was released from active duty on 19 December 1984.

I. The applicant's service record is void of documentation showing she was ordered to active duty as a member of the USAR other than for her AMEDD Officer Basic Course.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board found insufficient evidence to support the applicant's contentions for correction of her DD Form 214. The Board noted, the applicant completed the Airborne School Course in 1981 as reflected on her DA Form 2-1. The applicant entered active-duty 15 October 1984. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut records of all current active, prior active and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty.

2. Evidence in the records shows the applicant completed the Reserve Component (RC) Master Physical Fitness Training Course, 14 February 1986, which is outside the applicant's period of active duty. The Board agreed the applicant's request for correction to block 7 (Last Duty Assignment and Major Command) to read 73rd Field Hospital, United States Army Reserve (USAR), Columbus, Georgia is during her post service and not during her period of active duty. The Board found insufficient evidence of a DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) or orders bringing the applicant onto active duty in her record that supports correction to her DD Form 214 for the period ending 19 December 1984 in regard to adding the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Course.

3. This board is not an investigative body. The Board determined despite the absence of the applicant's records, they agreed the burden of proof rest on the applicant, however, she did not provide any supporting documentation and her service record has insufficient evidence to support the applicant contentions supporting the completion of the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) Course being added to her DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
█	█	█	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.



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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents) prescribe forms to be used in the separation of Army personnel and are applicable to all officer and enlisted personnel on active duty.

a. DD Form 214 will be issued at the time of separation to members of the Reserve components, including Army of the United States without component, who were ordered to active duty or active duty training for 90 days or more (or for an indefinite period), regardless of the actual number of days served, or who are being separated for physical disability (regardless of the number of days ordered to active duty), and to each member of the Regular Army.

b. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut records of all current active, prior active and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty.

c. Item 14 (Military Education). List in service training courses (full time attendance only), title, number of weeks, years successfully completed during this period of service, e.g., medical, dental, electronics, supply, administration, personnel, or heavy equipment operations. This information is to assist the member after separation in job placement and counseling, therefore, training courses for combat skills will not be listed.

3. AR 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition.

a. It provides that the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of retirement, or discharge.

b. A DD Form 214 will be prepared for USAR personnel completing 90 days or more days of continuous active duty or USAR personnel separated for cause or physical disability regardless of the length of time served on active duty.

c. A DD Form 214 will not be prepared for personnel separated/discharged who have been furnished a prior edition of the DD Form 214 unless that form needs reissuance for some other reason.

3. AR 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)), prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army, acting through the ABCMR. It 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 the evidence.

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