

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012587

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to show his college education on his DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) for the period ending 2 August 1978.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 4 (Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement - Armed Forces of the United States), 4 January 1978

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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, in effect, he had two-years of Junior College [REDACTED] in the Fall 1975 - 1977. He also attended [REDACTED] University during the period of 2 June 1976 - 8 November 1977, and he has 85 quarter hours. His DD Form 214 does not show college.

3. A review of the applicant's official records show the following:

- a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 22 February 1978.
- b. DA Form 2 (Personnel Qualification Record (PQR) - Part I) prepared on 30 April 1978 shows in item 42 (Education Level) high school graduate.
- c. DA Form 2-1 (PQR - Part II), item 17 (Civilian and Military Schools) shows he graduated high school in 1975.
- d. On 2 August 1978, the applicant was honorably discharged from the Army. DD Form 214, item 20 (Highest Education Level Successfully Completed) shows 12 years.




4. The applicant provided no evidence showing college credit or attendance.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the information reflected on the applicant's DA Form 2 (block 41), and on the applicant's DA Form 2-1 (block 17), as well as the lack of college transcripts provided by the applicant showing his education level was different, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant's record.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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.

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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, USC, 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) 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 ABCMR. In pertinent part, 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 agency.
3. AR 635-5 (Personnel Separations - Separation Documents) prescribes the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service. Paragraph 2-8 (Item-by-item instructions) states for item 20 (Highest education level successfully completed) to include education completed in military service, as well as education completed prior to service. College credits will be entered to the nearest complete year.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//