ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ███████████

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230013880

APPLICANT REQUESTS:  In effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to document all his active service while serving in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Orders 055-00297, Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Detachment, Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, TX
- DD Form 214
- DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Report)
- Chronological Statement of Retirement Points
- DA Form 4651-R (Request for Reserve Component Assignment or Attachment)
- Orders 03-018-00077, Headquarters, 99th Regional Support Command
- Reenlistment Eligibility Data Display (REDD) Report
- Joint Services Transcript

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 his service after discharge from active duty is not properly notated anywhere, yet he has records for service showing he attended schools, drills, and etc. His personnel clerk was less than organized and departed without notice. His unit also relocated from Pedricktown, NJ, to Franklin Center, PA, during his time of discharge.

3.  The applicant enlisted in the USAR on 3 September 1996 for a period of 8 years.

4. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows he entered initial active duty for training (IADT) on 21 November 1996 and was honorably released from IADT and transferred to his USAR unit on 20 March 1997 with uncharacterized service. He was credited with completing 4 months of net active service this period. The DD Form 214 further shows in:

  a. Item 11 (Primary Specialty), "76J10 MEDICAL SUPPLY SP, 0 YRS, and 0 MOS."

  b. Item 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized), the Army Service Ribbon, Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Grenade Bar, and Marksman Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

5. Orders 055-00297, provided by the applicant confirms he was awarded primary military occupational specialty (PMOS) 76J10 [Medical Supply Specialist], effective 20 March 1997, after completing IADT.

6. The applicant also provided the Board various documents, to include discharge orders, a Service School Academic Report, Chronological Statement of Retirement Points, Request for Reserve Component Assignment or Attachment, REDD Report, and a Joint Services Transcript, all dated after 20 March 1997, his date of discharge from active duty.

7. The applicant's submissions were provided to the Board in their entirety.

8. Orders 03-018-00077, dated 18 January 2003, directed the applicant's discharge from the USAR, effective 19 January 2003.

9. There is no evidence in the applicant's available records indicating he performed continuous active service in excess of 90 days after his release from IADT on 20 March 1997.

10. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) states 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 release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It further states a DD Form 214 will be prepared for Reserve Components Soldiers completing 90 days or more of continuous active-duty 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 enlisted in the USAR on 3 September 1996. He entered active duty for training (ADT) from 21 November 1996 to 20 March 1997 and completed training for award of an MOS. He completed 4 months of active duty. He was ultimately discharged from the USAR on 19 January 2003. The DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. Aside from ADT for which a DD Form 214 was issued, there is no evidence the applicant performed any periods of active duty between the date he was released from ADT to the date he was ultimately discharged from the USAR that would have warranted the issuance of a DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

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| : | : | : | GRANT FULL RELIEF |
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| : | : | : | 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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) states 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 release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It further states a DD Form 214 will be prepared for Reserve Components Soldiers completing 90 days or more of continuous active-duty service.

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