

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 August 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230014308

APPLICANT REQUESTS: In effect, correction of her military service records, to include her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), to show

- her current last name as [REDACTED]
- her address as [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Birth Certificate
- Two Marriage Certificates
- Divorce Decree
- Social Security Card

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in effect, based upon her marriage in September 2021 and her subsequent move to a new address, she requests the Board amend her military service records (to include her Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) retiree account) to show her current last name and address. In support of her request, she provides her birth certificate, first marriage certificate, her divorce decree, and her most recent marriage certificate.

2. On 17 August 2022, the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) issued the applicant a DD Form 1343 (Notification of Change in Service Member's Official Records); the form confirmed that HRC had amended her official service records to reflect her retired pay records to reflect her current last name.

3. A review of the applicant's service records reveals the following:

a. On 31 March 2014, the applicant enlisted into the Regular Army for 6 years. Her enlistment contract shows she enlisted under the last name [REDACTED]

b. On 17 March 2017, the applicant deployed to Afghanistan.

- on 31 March 2017, Permanent Orders (PO) 90-01 awarded her the Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM) (1st Award)
- on 3 March 2018, PO 059-06 awarded her the Army Commendation Medal (1st Award)
- on 31 March 2020, PO 091-001 awarded her the AGCM (2nd Award)
- these awards listed her last name as [REDACTED]
- these awards are not currently listed on her DD Form 214 and will be added in the "Administrative Notes" section of his document without the need for Board action.

c. On 25 May 2020, based on the findings of a physical evaluation board (PEB) that she was physically unfit for continued military service, orders honorable retired the applicant and placed her on the Temporary Disability Retired List (TDRL) with an 80 percent disability rating. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 6 years, 1 month, and 25 days of net active duty service. The report additionally reflects the following:

(1) Item 1 (Name) shows [REDACTED]

(2) Item 13 (Decorations, Medal, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized):

- Army Achievement Medal
- Air Medal with "C" Device
- Army Achievement Medal with "C" Device
- Meritorious Unit Commendation
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal
- Basic Aviation Badge

(3) Item 18 (Remarks): "SERVED IN A DESIGNATED IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREA//SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN 20170317-20170909."

(4) Item 19a (Mailing Address After Separation): entry shows [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] This address is different from the applicant's current address.

e. On 2 March 2022, a PEB determined the applicant should be placed on the Permanent Disability Retired List. Effective 22 March 2022, U.S. Army Physical

Disability Agency Orders removed the applicant from the TDRL and permanently retired her at a 90 percent disability rating.

4. HRC maintains an online personnel data base as part of the Soldier Management System (SMS). SMS shows the applicant's current address has been recorded in her online personnel record. Also, concerning the applicant's request to amend her DFAS retiree account, an entry in SMS indicates that, on 17 August 2022, HRC mailed DFAS a copy of the applicant's DD Form 1343 with the change to her last name.

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.

a. Name on the DD Form 214: Deny.

(1) A majority of the Board noted that the evidence shows the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army under the last name [REDACTED]. She served in active duty under this last name. Her DD Form 214 correctly listed this last name. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Additionally, the applicant does not provide a post discharge court order confirming a name change. The Board determined there is no error or injustice.

(2) The member in the minority indicated they are willing to support the name change given the additional burden placed on a spouse, usually a woman, who changes their name for marriage. While not indicative of any administrative error by the Army, a name change in this case serves to assist an honorably served veteran.

b. Mailing Address: Deny. The Board noted and agreed that the mailing address is provided by the Soldier to the official preparing the DD Form 214 at the time of separation/retirement. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. The Board found no error or injustice.

c. DFAS Pay records: No action. The Board noted that HRC has already issued and mailed DFAS a copy of the applicant's DD Form 1343 with the change to her last name that would update her retired pay records.

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:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, 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.

8/1/2024

X [REDACTED]

CHAIRPERSON
[REDACTED]

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

Amend her DD Form 214 to add the following awards:

- Army Commendation Medal
- Army Good Conduct Medal (2nd Award)
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal with one bronze service star.

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation (AR) 635-8, currently in effect, outlines policies and procedures for the completion of the DD Form 214. The regulation states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty.

a. The DD Form 214 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.

b. Regarding item 19a, it states DD Form 214 preparers should ask the Soldier for a permanent forwarding address; the address should include street address, city, state, and zip code.

2. AR 600-8-22 (Military Awards), currently in effect, states the Afghanistan Campaign Medal is awarded to members who have served in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom, from 11 September 2001 to 31 December 2014, and Operation Freedom's Sentinel, from 1 January 2015 to 31 August 2021. Service members must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to unit operating in Afghanistan for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. A bronze service star is authorized for wear with this medal for participation in each credited campaign; approved designated Afghanistan campaigns include Transition II (1 January 2015 to a date to be determined).

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//