

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 24 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230015158

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his retirement points to reflect inclusion of service for points only performed for the retirement period of 1–12 July 2023 for the Retirement Year Ending (RYE) 3 May 2024.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Memorandum for U.S. Army War College (USAWC) Distance Learning Education Program Students and Graduates, dated 4 May 2017 showing the accredited courses authorized at that time with corresponding academic credit hours
- Memorandum, Subject: U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Electronic-Based Distance Learning (EBDL) Policy, dated 1 December 2022 detailing the authorization and process to receive appropriate compensation
- USAR EBDL List, dated 14 March 2023 showing the authorized courses and site source to include distance education for the Army War College
- DA Form 1059-2 (Senior Service and Command and General Staff College Academic Evaluation Report), dated 24 July 2023 showing he completed 2nd Year Residence Phase distance education course at the USAWC from 17 -28 July 2023
- DA Form 4856 (Developmental Counseling Form), dated 2 August 2023 for authorization of enrollment into EBDL courses at the USAWC
- DA Form 1380 (Record of Individual Performance of Reserve Duty Training) dated 2 August 2023 which shows the applicant completed EBDL on 1-12 July 2023, for 8 hours each day, totaling 24 retirement points. The form is not signed by the officer having knowledge of the duties performed

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in pertinent part:

- He attended and successfully completed courses at the USAWC at the direction of his unit and should have been awarded retirement points
- He has been unable to receive award or recognition for this time in service

2. A review of the applicant's available service record reflects the following:

- Having prior Regular Army and USAR service, on 4 May 2015, he accepted a Reserve commission and executed an oath of office
- Memorandum, Subject: Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Non-Regular Retirement (20-Year Letter), dated 4 June 2020 was issued
- DA Form 5016 (Chronological Statement of Retirement Points), dated 3 June 2024 shows for the RYE 3 May 2024 the applicant earned 74 inactive duty training points, 15 membership points, and 23 active duty training points, totaling 112 total retirement points creditable
- Order Number 0022163599.00, dated 11 March 2025 placed him the USAR Control Group (Retired Reserve), effective 11 November 2025

3. On 17 December 2024, the U.S. Army Reserve Command, Retirement Services Officer, provided an advisory opinion recommending disapproval of the applicant's request stating, they reviewed the applicant's documents in accordance with Army Regulation (AR) 140-185 (Training and Retirement Point Credits and Unit Level Strength Accounting Records), paragraph 3-4.c. and determined no points should be awarded. The regulation was updated in July 2024 and supersedes all previous guidance. Commanders will provide in writing, citing the depletion of funds, and that the Soldier is to complete the EBDL in a points only status. This must be done in advance of a Soldier's enrollment.

4. On 18 December 2024, the applicant was provided a copy of the advisory opinion and afforded an opportunity to respond. He did not respond.

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 and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The Board noted the applicant's contention that he received points only for the retirement period of 1–12 July 2023 for the Retirement Year Ending (RYE) 3 May 2024 was without merit. The Board also reviewed and concurred with the advisory opinion provided by the U.S. Army Reserve Command, Retirement Services Officer, who recommended disapproval of the applicant's request and determined no points should be awarded due to a lack of a signature on the DA Form 1380. Therefore, the Board determined no administrative relief should be granted.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	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.

5/5/2025

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.

REFERENCE:

AR 140-185 (Training and Retirement Point Credits and Unit Level Strength Accounting Records), in effect at the time states:

- a. Paragraph 2-4 (Criteria for awarding retirement points) Eight-hour rule. Approved EBDL courses will be awarded to members of the Selected Reserve (Troop Program Unit). Subject to available funding, and as pre-approved, Soldiers may earn one retirement point and be paid for one IDT for every 8 hours of distance learning completed.
- b. Paragraph 3-4 (EBDL) states Soldiers may only receive compensation and retirement credit for EBDL courses listed in ATRRS after command pre-approval.
- c. Paragraph 3-3 (DA Form 1380) provides that the DA Form 1380 is utilized to record IDT performed by non-unit Soldiers under the jurisdiction of HRC who are attached for retirement points only to USAR Troop Program Units, Army National Guard units, or to another service or component for training. Only attached Soldiers are authorized to perform IDT with the exception of one annual physical health assessment each for medical and dental readiness when authorized by the command prior to the event.

- b. With regard to awarding of retirement points for IDT (Four-Hour Rule), Service Members will be awarded one point for each 4-hour period of IDT duty performed. Maximum of two points per calendar day applies to IDT duty. Duty must be 8 hours in duration to receive two points per day.

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