

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 13 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001925

APPLICANT REQUESTS: payment of his Health Professions Loan Repayment Program (HPLRP) to show he was authorized \$75,000.00 vice \$50,000.00.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- USAREC Form 601-37.48 (U.S. Army Reserve and Army National Guard Incentives Declaration Statement) dated 1 June 2015 that shows the applicant initialed next to the options of HPLRP and Special Pay – 3 year, as the incentives he wanted to receive (this document is void of any dollar amounts)

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:

- he signed his incentive contract in 2016 and started serving the contract under the special pay bonus for 3 years starting in 2017
- somewhere between the time he signed his contract and when he started receiving the HPLRP portion in 2021 the award amount change to \$75,000.00 from \$50,000.00
- he did not receive the new amount and instead was bound to the old amount of \$50,000.00 because of when he signed his initial contract
- he believes that if the incentive amount had changed then so should his award amount if he had not started that portion of the contract
- additionally, he believes all Soldiers should be entitled to the current amount of any award especially if they have not started to accrue years toward the benefit

3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

- USAREC Form 601-37.48 dated 1 June 2015 shows the applicant initialed next to the options of HPLRP and Special Pay – 3 year as the incentives he wanted to receive
  - On 20 July 2016 he was appointed as a Reserve Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), he subsequently executed an oath of office
  - On 6 January 2017 in a Memorandum, Subject: Recommendation for Reserve of the Army Appointment shows in pertinent part that the applicant applied for "Bonus/HPLR"
  - Statement for Commissioning Army Medical Department Officer USAR dated 2 December 2016 in which he acknowledges that he is commissioning for the Specialists Corps and area of concentration of 65D (Physician Assistant) with the HPLRP and Special Pay incentives
  - The applicant remains in the USAR
4. On 14 March 2025, in the processing of this case, U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC), Director Resource Management, provided an advisory opinion pertaining to the applicant's request to amend his HPLRP agreement.
- a. On 2 December 2016, the applicant signed his Direct Commissioning Accessions contract for the specialty Physician Assistant. Under the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Army Reserve Medical Department Officer Selected Reserve Incentives Program (SRIP), the HPLRP offered a maximum of \$20,000.00 per year, with a lifetime cap of \$50,000.00. Army Reserve (AR) HPLRP agreements may be executed at any time that the specialty appears on the current SRIP, provided the Health Professions Officer does not have a previous AR HPLRP contract.
- b. The USARC G-1 recommends not granting relief in this case.
4. On 1 April 2025, the applicant was provided with a copy of the advisory opinion for comment or rebuttal. He did not provide a response.

#### 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 Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition, available military records, and the USARC advisory opinion the Board concurred with the advising official based on the lifetime cap of \$50,000.00. The Board concluded there was no error or injustice and denied relief.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1    Mbr 2    Mbr 3

:	:	:	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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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 137-5 (Incentive Programs) states repayment of loans is made on the basis of each year of satisfactory service performed as a commissioned officer in the Selected Reserve. The total amount that may be repaid on all loans on behalf of any one officer under this program will not exceed \$20, 000.00. Loans that are in default, or that are less than 1 year of age, will not qualify for repayment under this program. Disbursement will not exceed indebtedness. For each year of satisfactory service in the Selected Reserve, the Government will repay designated loans for an officer who--is a Selected Reserve Soldier.

3. Health Professionals Loan Repayment Program Procedures Appendix M, M-5 states the total amount of HPLRP payments authorized depends on when the officer executed his/her DA Form 5536-R. HPLRP agreements executed prior to 16 October 1998 qualify for \$20,000.00. HPLRP agreements signed on or after 17 October 1998 qualify for \$50,000.00. Officers who executed agreements prior to 17 October 1998 may increase their entitlement from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Officers who contracted for the \$20,000.00 or \$50,000.00 incentive may sign an amendment to qualify for \$250,000 on or after 27 August 2010. Refer to section V of this appendix for specifics on payment of HPLRP.

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