

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 14 November 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003360

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) ending on 31 May 1990 to show in:

- Block 7a (Place of Entry into Active Duty) – Fort McClellan, AL
- Block 11 (Primary Specialty) – 20 years, 9 months, and 26 days
- Block 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) – 5 September 1969
- Block 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 20 years, 9 months, and 26 days
- Block 12d (Total Prior Active Service) – 00 00 00
- Block 12f (Foreign Service) – “04/23/17” [sic]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record (PQR) - Part II)
- DA Form 2A (PQR - Part I), 2 March 1984
- DA Form 2339 (Application for Voluntary Retirement), 13 February 1990
- DA Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), 31 May 1990

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

a. Block 7a on her DD Form 214 reads Fort Jackson, SC; block 11 shows 20 years; block 12a reads “79/05/24”; 12c reads “11/00/07”; block 12d reads “09/09/19”; and block 12f reads “04/00/28”.

b. Her DD Form 214 should read in block 7a Fort McClellan, AL (as seen on DA Form 2-1); block 11 SHOULD SHOW 20 years, 9 months and 26 days (as seen on DA

Form 2339); block 12a should read “69/09/05” (as seen on DA Form 2-1, DA Form 2A (PQR – Part I), DA Form 2339); block 12c should read “20/09/26” (as seen on DA Form 2339 see block 18 (Remarks)); block 12d should read “00/00/00” (as there was no break in service); and block 12f should read “04/23/17” (as seen on DA Form 2-1).

3. A review of the applicant’s service records show:

a. On 5 September 1969:

- DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States) shows she enlisted in the Regular Army for 3-years
- Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station Baltimore, MD, published Special Order Number 17, which assigned the applicant to Fort McClellan, AL for initial entry training with a report of 5 September 1969

b. On 24 August 1972, DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer of Discharge) shows she was discharged for immediate reenlistment. It also shows in:

- Item 20 (Place of Entry into Current Active Service) – Baltimore, MD
- Item 22b (Total Active Service) – 2 years, 11 months, and 20 days
- Item 23a (Specialty Number and Title) – 72C40 (Telephone Switch Board Operator)

c. On 25 August 1972, she reenlisted for 3 years at Fort Ritchie, MD.

d. On 12 August 1975, DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) shows she was honorably discharged to immediately reenlist. It also shows in:

- Item 14 (Place of Entry into Current Active Service) – Fort Ritchie, MD
- Item 18a (Net Active Service This Period) – 2 years, 11 months, and 18 days
- Item 18b (Prior Active Service) – 2 years, 11 months, and 20 days
- Item 18c (Total Active Service) – 5 years, 11 months, and 8 days
- Item 18f (Foreign and/or Sea Service This Period) – 1 year, 5 months, and 18 days

e. On 13 August 1975, she reenlisted for 4 years at Fort Buckner, Okinawa Japan.

f. On 6 May 1976, DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report) shows she completed the Air Traffic Control Tower Operator Course (Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) 93H20. The duration of the course was from 26 January 1976 to 6 May 1976.

g. On 26 January 1978, Headquarters III Corps and Fort Hood published Orders Number 18-58, which awarded the applicant Secondary MOS 72C40, effective 1 February 1978.

h. On 23 May 1979, DD Form 214 shows she was honorably discharged to immediately reenlist. It also shows in:

- Item 14 (Place of Entry into Current Active Service) – Okinawa
- Item 18a (Net Active Service This Period) – 3 years, 9 months, and 11 days
- Item 18b (Prior Active Service) – 5 years, 11 months, and 8 days
- Item 18c (Total Active Service) – 9 years, 08 months, and 19 days
- Item 18f (Foreign and/or Sea Service This Period) – 3 months and 29 days

i. The applicant reenlisted on 24 May 1979, 26 February 1982, and 23 December 1985.

j. On 17 July 1989, Headquarters, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Fort Campbell, KY, published Orders Number 134-278, which awarded the applicant Primary MOS (PMOS) 93C40 and withdrew PMOS 93H40, effective 7 July 1989.

k. On 19 October 1989, the applicant reenlisted at Fort Campbell, KY.

l. On 13 February 1990, DA Form 2339 shows she applied for voluntary retirement. Item 16 (Total Active Service Creditable for Retirement) shows 20 years, 9 months, and 26 days.

m. The applicant's record contains DA Form 2-1 reviewed on 21 February 1990, which shows in:

- Item 5 (Oversea Service) she served in:
 - Japan from 25 February 1974 to 10 December 1975 for 22 months (1 year, 9 months, and 16 days)
 - Korea from 29 January 1981 to 5 March 1982 for 13 months (1 year, 1 month and 7 days)
 - Germany from 5 April 1982 to 25 March 1985 for 36 months (2 years, 11 months, and 21 days)
- Item 35 (Record of Assignments) – 23 January 1970 was the effective date for her duty MOS 72C20; and 20 August 1971 was the effective date for duty MOS 72C40

n. On 20 March 1990, the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, KY, published Orders Number 54-72, which released the applicant from active from active duty on 30 June 1990, and placed her on the retired list, effective "30 June 1990".

o. On 23 March 1990, DA Form 2A was prepared showing the applicant's personnel, qualification, unit, and position data.

p. The applicant's retirement DD Form 214 covering the period 24 May 1979 through 31 May 1990, shows the applicant was honorably retired by reason of length of service. It also shows in:

- Item 7a (Place of Entry into Active Duty) – Fort Jackson, SC
- Item 11 (Primary Specialty) – 93C40 Air Traffic Control Operator, "20 Years//Nothing Follows//"
- Item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) – 24 May 1979
- Item 12b (Separation Date This Period) – 31 May 1990
- Item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 11 years and 7 days
- Item 12d (Total Prior Active Service) – 9 years, 9 months, and 19 days
- Item 12f (Foreign Service) – 4 years and 28 days

q. On 8 November 1991, DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) amended her DD Form 214 ending on 31 May 1990 to show in:

- Item (block) 12b (Separation Date This Period) – 30 June 1990
- Item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 11 years, 1 month, and 7 days
- Item 12d (Total Prior Active Service) – 9 years, 8 months, and 19 days

r. Prior to October 1979, a separate DD Form 214 was issued for each period of immediate reenlistment. Beginning in October 1979, the Army no longer issued a separate DD Form 214 for each period of induction, enlistment, or reenlistment. The DD Form 214 became a record of continuous active service.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, 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 and available military records, the Board majority determined the applicant's DD Forms 214 accurately reflect the information reflected and the DD Forms 214 are a combined representation of her separation documents and should be presented together. The Board minority determined a separate DD Form 214 should be issued to reflect the

requested changes despite regulatory guidance at the time. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the 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. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

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.

6/10/2025

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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, 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 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 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (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. Army Regulation 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents) in effect at the time, prescribes the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. The specific instructions state, for:

a. Item 7a (Place of Entry into Active Duty), enter the city and state from which Soldier last entered or was ordered to active duty.

b. Item 11 (Primary Specialty), enter the Primary MOS and all additional MOS served for a period of one year or more, during Soldier's continuous active military service. For each MOS, list the title with the years and months served. For enlisted, enter the first five characters of the PMOSC which will include the three characters of the MOS, the fourth character of skill and grade level in the MOS, and the fifth character of a special qualification identifier, if applicable.

c. Item 12a, enter the beginning date of the enlistment period or tour of Active Duty for which a DD Form 214 was not issued under paragraph 1-4b(5).

d. Item 12b, enter separation date this period. (Separation date may not be the contractual date if extended for make-up of lost time or Soldier has been held over for the convenience of the Government.)

e. Item 12c, enter amount of service this period (subtract 12a from 12b). Lost time under Title 10, USC, section 972, and non-creditable time after expiration term of service, if any, will be deducted.

f. Item 12d, enter total amount of prior active military service less lost time, if any. If there was no prior active service, enter 00 00 00.

g. Item 12f, enter the total amount of foreign service completed during the period covered in block 12c. Obtain the foreign service listed in item 5, DA Form 2-1 for enlisted Soldiers to compute this entry. If necessary, verify the foreign service in the Military Personnel Records Jacket.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//