

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004737

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 18 September 1987 to show his total military service in the United States Army Reserve (USAR) from 1986 to 1988.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552) via online application
- DD Form 149, 7 March 2024
- Department of the Army Certificate of Achievement, 27 August 1987
- Fort Benning Form 21 (Individual Infantry Training Diploma), 27 August 1987
- Fort Benning Form 99 (Airborne Course Diploma), 18 September 1987
- DD Form 214 for the period ending 18 September 1987

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, in effect, to update his DD Form 214 to reflect the totality of his tenure in the USAR. He says his DD Form 214 only reflects his time on active duty while attending individual training and Airborne training; however, it does not include all his reserve drilling time. He would like his records to show all of his service and subsequently having his records updated with the Veterans Administration.
3. He enlisted in the USAR on 28 November 1986 in the rank/grade of private (E-1) for a period of 8 years.
4. Military Entrance Processing Station Fargo, Fargo, ND, Orders 235-4, 28 November 1986, ordered him to initial active duty for training (IADT) for a period of approximately

13 weeks for the purpose of completion of basic combat training and military occupational specialty training effective 22 May 1987 at Fort Benning, GA.

5. Headquarters, United States Army Infantry Center, Fort Benning, GA, Permanent Orders 174-17, 9 September 1987, awarded him the Parachute Badge for successful completion of Airborne training effective 18 September 1987.

6. He was honorably released from ADT by reason of completion of period of ADT and transferred to the control of the 409th Infantry Regiment, MN effective 8 September 1987. His DD Form 214 shows in:

- item 11 (Primary Specialty Number, Title, and Years and Months in Specialty) – 11B1P, Infantryman, 0 years and 1 month
- item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) – 22 May 1987
- item 12b (Separation Date This Period) – 18 September 1987
- item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 3 months and 27 days
- item 12e (Total Prior Inactive Service) – 5 months and 24 days

7. His service records contain no evidence indicating he completed additional periods of continuous active duty for 90 days or more qualifying him for issuance of a subsequent DD Form 214.

8. Headquarters, Fourth United States Army, Fort Sheridan, IL Orders 58-32, 12 April 1988, honorably discharged him from the USAR effective 21 January 1988.

9. In addition he provides:

a. A Certificate of Achievement, 27 August 1987 showing he was awarded the certificate based on achieving the maximum score on performance oriented Infantry qualification test for cycle numb 34-87;

b. A Fort Benning Form 21, 27 August 1987 showing he successfully completed the Individual Infantry Training on 27 August 1987; and

c. A Fort Benning Form 99, 18 September 1987 showing he successfully completed the Airborne Course on 18 September 1987.

10. In accordance with regulatory guidance, the purpose of the DD Form 214 separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board found that relief was/was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the regulatory guidance outlined in AR 635-5 stating that only active duty service greater than 90 days in length is annotated on DD Form 214s and the service requested to be added from the applicant is his USAR service, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to his military record.

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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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 ABCMR. 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.
3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), 15 August 1979, prescribed the separation documents which were prepared for Soldiers at the time of retirement, discharge, or release from active duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.
  - a. A DD Form 214 will be prepared for each Soldier, to include members of the Reserve Components:
    - (1) after completing 90 days or more of continuous ADT, full-time training duty, or active duty support; or
    - (2) after completing initial ADT which resulted in the award of a military occupational specialty, even though the active duty was less than 90 days. This includes completion of advanced individual training under the Army National Guard of the United States Alternate Training Program or USAR Split Training Program.
  - b. There are no provisions allowing for the addition of service or achievements accomplished subsequent to the period covered by the DD Form 214.

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