

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]
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BOARD DATE: 16 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004804

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of item 11 (Primary Specialty, Title, and Years and Months in Specialty) of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 19 February 1987 by removing the entry "Training Only."

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)
- DD Form 214

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 that upon commissioning as a second lieutenant (2LT), she received active duty orders to attend the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course. The entry "Training Only" shown on her DD Form 214 in item 23 (Type of Separation) during the period indicated in item 12 (Record of Service) is interfering with her Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits qualification process. Removal of the entry "Training Only" from item 23 would be a more accurate report of her service.
3. She was appointed as a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army in the rank/grade of 2LT/O-1 and executed her oath of office on 6 June 1983.
4. U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center (ARPERCEN) Orders T-08-6378955, 5 August 1986, ordered her to active duty for training (ADT) to attend the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course at Fort Lee, VA, with a reporting date of 17 September 1986 and return to the place where she entered ADT upon completion of training and release from ADT.

5. Her DA Form 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report), 3 March 1987, shows she successfully completed the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course (Area of Concentration 92A (Quartermaster Officer)) during the period 16 September 1986 through 19 February 1987.

6. Her Quartermaster School Diploma attests to her successful completion and graduation from the Quartermaster Officer Basic Course effective 19 February 1987.

7. She was honorably relieved from active duty on 19 February 1987. She completed 5 months and 4 days of net active service during this period. Her DD Form 214 shows in:

- item 4a (Grade, Rate or Rank) – 2LT
- item 4b (Pay Grade) – O-1
- item 11 – "92 – Material/Service Management Officer (Training Only)"
- item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 5 months and 4 days
- item 12e (Total Prior Inactive Service) – 3 years, 3 months, and 10 days
- item 14 (Military Education) – Quartermaster Officer Basic Course – 19 Weeks (1987)
- item 23 (Type of Separation) – Relief from Active Duty
- item 25 (Separation Authority) – Self Terminating Orders T-08-637955, ARPERCEN, 5 August 1986
- item 28 (Narrative Reason for Separation) – Completion of Period of ADT

8. ARPERCEN Orders D-03-014748, 9 March 2000, honorably discharged her from the U.S. Army Reserve in the rank/grade of captain/O-3 effective 1 August 2000.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the applicant's military records, the Board found that relief was not warranted.

2. The Board carefully considered the applicant's contentions, her record and length of service, the purpose for her period of active duty, the reason for her separation and the applicable regulatory guidance. The Board found that the applicant was ordered to active duty solely for the purpose of training (Quartermaster Officer Basic Course) in the Primary Specialty as shown on her DD Form 214. The Board considered the applicant's statement regarding VA benefits processing but provided no supporting documentation for her claim. Based on a preponderance of evidence, the Board determined that the entries requested for correction on her DD Form 214 were not in error or unjust.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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 635-5 (Separation Documents), 15 August 1979 and in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The specific instructions stated:

a. for item 11, enter the military occupational specialty codes, titles, years, and months for warrant officers and enlisted personnel; for commissioned officers, enter the specialty skill identifier (two digits and one letter), title, years, and months (note: there were no provisions for entering "Training Only" – subsequent versions of this regulation stated to enter the titles of all military occupational specialties or areas of concentration served for at least 1 year);

b. for item 23, enter one of the following terms for officer personnel:

- Relief from active duty
- Discharge
- Retirement
- Separation to continue on active duty in another status
- Relief from ADT
- Dismissal or discharge, as appropriate (general court-martial orders)
- Drop from the rolls of the Army
- Release from custody and control of the Army

c. for item 25, enter the regulatory or statutory authority cited in directives authorizing separation on copies 2, 4, 7, and 8 only. For personnel ordered to ADT and full-time training duty (FTTD) by self-terminating orders, show the authority as "Self-Terminating Orders" orders number, course, and date"; and

d. for item 28, enter the reason for separation shown in Army Regulation 635-5-1 (Separation Program Designators) based on the regulatory or statutory authority. Do not enter the narrative reason for separation on copy 1 of the DD Form 214. For personnel ordered to ADT and FTTD by self-terminating orders, show the reason as "Completion of period of ADT or FTTD," as appropriate.

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