

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004846

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect her last name as B__d vice C__.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Marriage License, State of Texas
- DD Form 1172-2 (Application for Identification Card/Deers Enrollment)

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 she was married on 20 December 2018, she submitted a name change to the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) on 29 March 2019. She is uncertain why the form was not submitted at the time and noticed the error while printing a memorandum for verification of retiree pay. She subsequently submitted another request to update her name.

3. The applicant provides:

- Marriage License showing she was married on 5 December 2018
- DD Form 1172-2 shows she submitted a request on 2 May 2022 to have her last name changed to B__d

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

a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 7 August 2002. Her DD Form 4/1 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document) shows her name last name as B__r.

b. A marriage license from the state of Colorado shows she was married on 27 September 2007.

c. On 28 March 2019, she was retired from active duty. Her DD Form 214 shows in Block 1 (Name): her last name as C__, the contested name.

d. The applicant's record is void of any documents that shows her last name as B__d.

5. By regulation, for block 1 (Name) of the DD Form 214, compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in Block 18 (Remarks).

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board found that relief was 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, including her provided marriage certificate, and available military records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to grant full relief. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's last name as shown on her marriage certificate.

BOARD VOTE:

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:XX	:XX	:XX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending her last name to reflect that annotated on her marriage certificate.



X //signed//

CHAIRPERSON

Signed by:

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, United States 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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. Paragraph 5-6 (Rules for completing the DD Form 214) provides detailed instructions for data required in each block of the DD Form 214. For Block 1, Name. Compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in block 18 (Remarks).

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//