

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 November 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240004853

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show in:

- Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) (Address B) Coamo, PR vice the existing address (Address A)
- Block 19b (Nearest Relative) a different name (Name Y) vice the existing name (Name X)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Marriage Certificate

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 his DD Form 214 requires administrative correction to show the new address and the name of his spouse.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Puerto Rico Army National Guard (PRARNG) on 2 October 1977.
 - a. He entered active duty for training (ADT) on 2 April 1978 and he was released from ADT on 24 August 1978.
 - b. His DD Form 214 for this period of service listed his place of entry on active duty and home of record in Coamo, PR. The version of the DD Form 214 at the time did not have a designated block for the Mailing Address After Separation or the Name of the Nearest Relative.

4. He was mobilized and entered active duty on 14 February 2003 and served in Kuwait from 5 April to 23 May 2003. He was honorably released from active duty and returned to the control of the ARNG. His DD Form 214 for this period of service shows:

- Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) address in Coamo, PR (Address A)
- Block 19b (Nearest Relative) name of a relative (Name X)

5. The applicant was discharged from the ARNG on 11 July 2005. His NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service) shows in Block 19 (Mailing Address After Separation) a similar address in Coamo, PR (Address A).

6. The applicant was placed on the retired list at age 60 on XX M____ 2019.

7. The applicant provides a certificate of marriage, 20 December 2017, listing the name of his spouse (Name Y).

8. By regulation (AR 635-5), the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's 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 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 determined the mailing address after separation and nearest relative listed on his DD Form 214 were correct in accordance with regulatory guidance at the time the DD Form 214 was prepared during the applicant's separation. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's 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.

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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), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon 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 summary of the Soldier's 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. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. The specific instructions for Block (19) MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION and NEAREST RELATIVE will be provided by the Soldier.

a. This address must be a permanent address. Civilian penal institutions will not be accepted.

b. Advise a soldier that the name and address of a relative should be someone who will know their location and address at all times. When a relative is not available, use a close friend. When the person is at the same address as 19a, enter "(NAME) and ADDRESS SAME AS BLOCK 19a."

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