

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 December 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005783

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show in item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) 28 March 1983 vice 28 March 1985.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:  
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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 shows 1985 but it should say 1983. He was not knowledgeable until filing a claim with the Veterans Administration.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
  - a. The applicant entered active duty on 20 June 1968. His DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) shows he was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) on 12 June 1971.
  - b. The applicant reenlisted on 10 September 1971, 10 June 1977, 29 June 1979, and 29 March 1985.
  - c. His record contains a DA Form 2339 (Application for Voluntary Retirement), dated 28 November 1989, which shows the applicant's chronological dates of military service:
    - Enlisted USAR 1968 from 24 May 1968 to 16 September 1968
    - Enlisted RA from 17 September 1968 to 12 June 1971
    - Enlisted RA from 10 September 1971 to 31 August 1990

d. The applicant's record is void of documentation of his service from 10 September 1971 to 28 March 1985. However, his last immediate reenlistment was on 29 March 1985.

e. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows he was honorably retired from active duty 31 August 1990. It also shows in:

- item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) 85 03 28
- item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) 05 05 03
- item 12d (Total Prior Active Service) 16 06 12

4. By regulation (AR 635-5), The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) Enter the beginning date of the continuous period of AD for issuance of this DD Form 214, for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the period of time the applicant served, the regulatory guidance stating DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active-duty service and the information reflected on the applicant's current DD Form 214 showing previous service, the Board concluded that all periods of service were accurately depict and there is no error or injustice warranting a correction to the applicant's record.

#### BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

- 1.
- 2.

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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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, provided detailed instructions for completing separation documents, including the DD Form 214. It provided detailed instructions for completing separation documents, including the DD Form 214. It states for item 12a (Date Entered Active Duty This Period) Enter the beginning date of the continuous period of AD for issuance of this DD Form 214, for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued.

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