

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006059

APPLICANT REQUESTS: remove a DA Form 597 (Army Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Nonscholarship Cadet Contract) from her official military personnel file (OMPF).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower and Reserve Affairs (ASA, M&RA) memorandum

FACTS:

1. The applicant states she is a Regular Army enlisted Soldier who has been attending a university under the Army's Green to Gold Active Duty Option (G2GADO) Program.

a. As a member of this program, she is not allowed to sign DA Forms 597. When she in-processed at the university, the Recruitment Officer and the Human Resource Assistant did not realize active duty service members were supposed to be in-processed differently from regular ROTC cadets. As a result, they incorrectly had all Green to Gold Soldier complete DA Forms 597 and then placed those forms in the Soldiers' records.

b. The applicant provides a copy of an ASA, M&RA memorandum, dated 28 February 2024, which states that current participants in the G2GADO program do not have valid DA Forms 597 and are not considered to be enrolled as members of Senior ROTC programs for advanced training.

2. A review of the applicant's service records shows that, on 3 July 2017, the applicant enlisted into the Regular Army for 4 years. On 15 August 2023, she reported to a State university as a student. On 8 September 2023, she signed a DA Form 597, which stipulated she would be paid a monthly stipend. On 21 November 2024, the Department of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 announced the results for Fiscal Year 2025 Cadet Talent Based Branching; the applicant was among the selected officers.

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.

a. The Board majority determined that DA Form 597 was properly filed as part of the applicant's official military record and should remain in her OMPF for historical context. The majority found no error or injustice in its inclusion.

b. While the Board minority opined that DA Form 597 is not applicable to the Green to Gold program and therefore should be removed, the majority concluded that the presence of the form does not constitute an administrative error nor does it adversely affect the applicant's record in a manner that warrants correction.

c. Accordingly, the Board finds no compelling basis to alter the applicant's official record and recommends denial of the requested relief.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:XX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:XX	:XX	:	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
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:

Army Regulation 145-1 (Senior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Program: Organization, Administration, and Training), currently in effect, prescribes policies and procedures for ROTC Programs. Chapter 13 (Special Programs) addresses the Green to Gold Program.

a. Paragraph 13-1 (Green-to-Gold Programs). Green to Gold (G2) program options apply only to current active duty Regular Army enlisted Soldiers and includes following three programs:

- Green-to-Gold (2–Year) Non-Scholarship Program
- Green-to-Gold Active Duty Option Program (G2GADOP)
- Green-to-Gold Scholarship Program

b. Paragraph 13-3 (G2GADOP).

(1) The G2GADOP provides eligible, active duty Regular Army enlisted Soldiers with an opportunity to complete an initial baccalaureate or graduate degree, and to be commissioned as Army officers upon receipt of their degree.

(2) Soldiers selected to participate in the G2GADOP will continue to receive their current pay and allowances while in the G2GADOP (up to 21 consecutive months) and receive normal PCS entitlements.

(3) Participants are responsible for their own educational expenses. Although tuition assistance is not authorized for use in this program, Soldiers may receive any MGIB/Army College Fund benefits for which they are eligible.

(4) Soldiers interested in the G2GADOP must be advised that current law does not allow any of his/her accrued time as a Cadet participant in the SROTC to apply towards a Regular Army retirement. In addition, G2GADOP Soldiers must agree that, as ROTC participants, they are not members of the Selected Reserve. Consequently, once a G2GADOP Soldier is commissioned, the time spent in the Advanced Course phase of SROTC will not be included, for any purpose, in service computations made after the Soldier accepts an appointment.

(5) Soldiers who successfully complete all requirements of the G2GADOP will be commissioned in the Regular Army.

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