

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006127

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period 29 June 2015 to 1 September 2022 to show:

- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citation and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): add State of New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal and State of New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal
- Block 18 (Remarks) update his discharge from the Individual Ready Reserve on 23 January 2024
- Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) change from Number, Address, Carteret, NJ 00708 to new Number, new Address, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807
- Block 19b (Nearest Relative) change from Name, Number, Address, Jersey City, NJ 07307 to Name, new Number, new Address, Bayonne, NJ, 07002

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, 29 June 2015 to 1 September 2022
- Discharge order from the U.S. Army Reserve, 23 January 2024
- Two State of New Jersey Award Certificates

FACTS:

1. The applicant states this will help bring his DD Form 214 up to date regarding awards, discharge from IRR (Individual Ready Reserve), and accurate contact information.
2. The applicant was appointed a Regular Army Medical Services commissioned officer and executed an oath of office on 29 June 2015. Effective on his execution of the oath of office, he was ordered to active duty in the rank of captain.
3. He resigned his commission and was honorably released from active duty on 1 September 2022 in accordance with Army Regulation 600-8-24 (Officer Transfer and Discharges) due to completion of his required active service. His DD Form 214 shows completion of 7 years, 2 months, and 3 days of active service. It also shows in:

- Block 13 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citation and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized): Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, and Army Service Ribbon
- Block 18 (Remarks), in pertinent part, resignation constitutes acceptance of appointment as a Reserve commissioned officer
- Block 19a (Mailing Address After Separation) Number, Address, Carteret, NJ 00708
- Block 19b (Nearest Relative) Name, Number, Address, Jersey City, NJ 07307

4. Following his release from active duty, he was appointed a Reserve commissioned officer on 2 September 2022. He was assigned to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement).

5. On 12 January 2023, he was issued a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) that added the Meritorious Service Medal and other statements in the Remarks Block.

6. On 23 January 2024, his unit issued orders honorably discharging him from the U.S. Army Reserve effective 23 January 2024.

7. His DA Form 5016 (Retirement Accounting Statement) shows he completed 8 qualifying years of service towards non-regular retirement.

8. By regulation (AR 635-8): 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.

- Block 13: List all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service. Do not enter foreign or State level awards on DD Form 214.
- Block 18: Use this block for HQDA mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available; as a continuation for selected entries, or for conditional entries.
- Block 19a, Mailing Address After Separation is provide by the Soldier at time of separation.
- Block 19b: Nearest Relative. Data source is also as provided by the Soldier.

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 available evidence, the Board made the following findings and recommendations related to the requested relief:

- Add various State awards: DENY, based upon the regulatory guidance on preparation and utilization of DD Form 214s only annotating federal awards received while serving of more than 90 consecutive days of active duty.
- Update discharge from the Individual Ready Reserve: DENY, based upon the regulatory guidance relating to the preparation and utilization of DD Form 214s only annotating service of more than 90 consecutive days of active duty.
- Update address: DENY, based upon the information annotated on a DD Form 214 annotating currently information at the time of its publication. Changes after service do not warrant changes to the document.
- Update Nearest Relative Information: DENY, based upon the information annotated on a DD Form 214 annotating currently information at the time of its publication. Changes after service do not warrant changes to the document.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:X	:X	:X	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.

X //signed//

CHAIRPERSON

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 635–8, Personnel Separations, Separation Processing and Documents, governs the preparation and processing of 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 REFRAD, retirement, or discharge. The DD Form 214 is not intended to have any legal effect on termination of a Soldier's service.

a. Block 13: Decorations, Medals, Badges, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized. List all federally recognized awards and decorations for all periods of service. Do not use abbreviations. Do not enter foreign or State level awards on DD Form 214. State awards and decorations will be entered on NGB Form 22 (National Guard Report of Separation and Record of Service) upon separation from the Army National Guard.

b. Block 18: Remarks. Use this block for HQDA (Headquarters, Department of the Army) mandatory requirements when a separate block is not available; as a continuation for entries in blocks 9, 11, 13, and 14; or for conditional entries.

c. Block 19a: Mailing Address After Separation. Data source is as provided by the Soldier. This address must be a permanent address. Civilian penal institutions will not be accepted. Enter street address, city, state, and zip code.

d. Block 19b: Nearest Relative. Data source is as provided by the Soldier. Advise the Soldier that the name and address of a relative should be someone who will know

Soldier's location and address at all times. When a relative is not available list a close friend. Enter name, street address, city, state, and zip code.

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