

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006767

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty to show he entered active duty on 27 July 2000.

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

- DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record
- Applicant's statement
- Birth Certificate
- High School Diploma
- Enlistment Documents
- Email correspondence

FACTS:

1. The applicant is a commissioned officer currently on active duty.
2. He states, in effect, that his DD Form 214 incorrectly shows that he shipped from the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) on 28 July 2000. He contends that he shipped out from the MEPS on 27 July 2000. This error is causing him hardship for retirement purposes. He further states that one day in service can make a difference when trying to complete his 20-year commitment to the military.
3. The applicant's record contains a DD Form 1966/1, Record of Military Processing-Armed Forces of the United States, 26 December 1999. This form shows in Item 17, Delayed Entry Program (DEP)-Enlistment Data:
 - Date of DEP Enlistment – 27 December 1999
 - Projected Active Duty Date -28 July 2000
4. This same form shows in Item 18, Accession Data:
 - Enlistment Date -28 July 2000

- Active Duty Service Date – 28 July 2000
 - Pay Entry Date – 28 July 2000
5. Section VI, Remarks, of the DD Form 1966 contains the entry: “RENO 000616 TO SHIP 000727 AUTHORIZED BY 2D BDE OPS...”
6. His DD Form 4, Enlistment/Reenlistment Document, shows that he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve – DEP on 27 December 1999. This form further shows in:
- Section F, Discharge from DEP, shows that the applicant was discharged from the DEP on 28 July 2000
 - Section H, Confirmation of Enlistment or Reenlistment, shows the applicant executed the Oath of Office and enlisted in the Regular Army on 28 July 2000
8. On 27 July 2004, he was released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows in Block 12a that the applicant entered active duty on 28 July 2000. Block 18, Remarks, contains the entry “Block 6, PERIOD OF DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM: 19991227-20000727.”
9. The applicant provides his enlistment documents and email correspondence showing that he tried to resolve this issue with his personnel office. He highlighted the following documents:
- DA Form 3286-59, Annex A which shows the date of his scheduled for “~~16 Jun~~ 27 Jul 2000”
 - Standard Form 88, Report of Medical Examination, which shows he completed his examination on 27 July 2000
10. By regulation the date of enlistment is the actual date the Oath of Enlistment is given. This date must be shown on the enlistment record above the signature of the officer who administered the oath.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. 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 documentation showing the applicant’s entry date onto active duty was 28 July 2000 (specifically, the signed enlistment contract), the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant’s entry date onto active duty.

2. The Board did note there were pen-and-ink changes to some of the documents showing the requested change; however, the Board could not determine based upon those entries when they were added to the documents. Additionally, based upon the information reflected on the applicant’s enlistment contract showing he enlisted onto active duty for a 4-year period (not 4 years and one day), if the Board were to change the entry date as requested, the Board would have to change the end date to a day prior as well. Based upon not knowing how that would impact the applicant and whether he would want that information changed, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting any change to the applicant’s military record.

BOARD VOTE:

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

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. Army Regulation 601-210, Personnel Procurement-Regular Army and Army Reserve Enlistment Program, states except as indicated below, date of enlistment is the actual date the Oath of Enlistment is given. This date must be shown on the enlistment record above the signature of the officer who administered the oath.

a. No enlistment will be predated without prior approval. A person's enlistment may be delayed through no fault of their own, but for the convenience of the Government.

b. Requests to predate the enlistment will be sent to DCS, G-1 (DAPE-MPA), Washington, DC 20310 for Regular Army, Army Reserve, and Army National Guard.

2. AR 15-185, Boards, Commissions, and Committees-Army Board for Correction of Military Records, prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record. It is not an investigative body. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//