

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 12 November 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006788

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to update item 19b (Nearest Relative) of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to add his current spouse, Sh\_\_\_\_ Ma\_\_\_\_ and remove his former spouse, Li\_\_\_\_ A. Ma\_\_\_\_.

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

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the three year time frame provided in Title 10, United States Code, section 1552(b); however, the 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 after he retired, he got divorced and remarried; therefore, he would like his DD Form 214 to reflect his current spouse's information.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 15 November 1991. He served through multiple reenlistments in a variety of assignments.
4. The applicant retired on 29 February 2012. His DD Form 214 reflects he was honorably retired under the provisions of Army Regulation (AR) 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), chapter 12, sufficient service for retirement. He served 20 years, 3 months, and 8 days net active service this period. Block 19b of his retirement DD Form 214 shows the name Li\_\_\_\_ A. Ma\_\_\_\_ and the address in Spanaway, WA.
5. AR 635-5 prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army. Paragraph 2-4 (Completing the DD Form 24), subparagraph h(19) states, mailing address after separation and nearest relative will be provided by the Soldier.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The name and nearest relative mailing address are provided by the Soldier at the time the DD Form 214 is processed. The name and/or address does not change every time a Soldier moves after 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:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	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.

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, United States 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 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. AR 635-5 prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active duty service, or control of the Active Army.

a. Paragraph 2-1 (Preparing the DD Form 214) states, the DD Form 214 is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clearcut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

b. Paragraph 2-4 (Completing the DD Form 24), subparagraph h(19) states, mailing address after separation and nearest relative will be provided by the Soldier.

c. Paragraph 2-6 (Alterations and corrections) states, corrections are not permitted in the screened areas of the DD Forms 214 and 215. These forms are designed with a reproducible screen tint on blocks 1, 3, 4, 12, and 18 through 30 on the DD Form 214.

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