

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 19 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007699

APPLICANT REQUESTS: payment of his Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) incentive in the Army National Guard (ARNG).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- National Guard Bureau (NGB) Form 600-7-5-R-E (SLRP Addendum) dated 21 December 2007, reflects:
 - He was reenlisting in the ARNG for a minimum term of service of 6 years in the ARNG in military occupational specialty (MOS) 11B
 - He had two loans existing in the amount of \$6,625.00. The total amount of repayment for qualifying loan(s) will not exceed \$20,000.00.
 - He understood he would be suspended from SLRP eligibility if he entered a period of non-availability (placement in the Inactive National Guard)
- DA Form 4836 (Oath of Extension of Enlistment or Reenlistment) dated 21 December 2007, reflects:
 - He voluntarily extended his current ARNG agreement for 6 years
 - His Expiration Term of Service date changed from 28 December 2007 to 28 December 2013
 - He agreed to remain a member of the Georgia ARNG (GAARNG) during the entire period of the extension
- NGB Form 23A (ARNG Current Annual Statement) prepared 29 December 2024, reflects he was a member of the ARNG and had 6 creditable service years towards retirement from 29 December 2007 to 28 December 2013

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 SLRP was not paid from his original contract in 2008. He states in pertinent part:

- He has maintained all required standards
- He deployed multiple times since he signed his contract
- He tried to get his situation resolved multiple times

3. A review of the applicant's service record reflects the following:

- a. He enlisted in the GAARNG on 29 December 2006.
- b. He extended in the GAARNG for 6 years, on 21 December 2007, and accepted the SLRP incentive.
- c. He remains in the GAARNG.

4. In the processing of this case, an advisory opinion was obtained on 15 May 2025, from the Chief, Special Actions Branch, NGB. The advisory official recommended approval of the applicant's request.

a. The applicant's records show that he signed a SLRP on 21 December 2007. At the time of signing the contract, the applicant had a total of two disbursed loans in the amount of \$6,625.00. The original extension and contract addendum paperwork had a number of errors that were manually corrected (date on document, missing initials, wrong first page), resulting in duplicate versions of the documents, but none of these errors could have been overcome with an exception to policy from NGB for ARNG SRIP policy, or National Guard Regulation 600-7 (SRIP), or National Guard Regulation 600-200 (Enlisted Personnel Management). Despite these errors, the GAARNG accepted the documentation and established a digital record (control number) for the enlisted loan repayment incentive offered to the applicant. The processing timeline by the incentives team at the GAARNG Guard at that time lagged behind the normal procedure that would have cleared up any errors and allowed payments to be made annually.

b. Based on the available records and input from the GAARNG, it is the recommendation of this office that the applicant's request be approved. Due to no fault of the applicant, none of the six eligible years of payments were disbursed. The errors were made by the state while processing his paperwork. The applicant did temporarily default on a loan, but he later corrected this and is now eligible for his SLRP payments. The applicant provided documentation of his current National Student Loan Data

System showing that all loans are in good standing. The GAARNG recognizes this error and supports the applicant’s request so that all six closed year payments can be made toward his student loans.

5. On 21 May 2025, the applicant was provided a copy of the advisory opinion and afforded 10 days to provide comments. He did not respond.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was 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. The evidence of record shows the applicant enlisted in the Army National Guard and extended his enlistment with an SLRP on 21 December 2007. The Board noted he met all the criteria for the SLRP and concurred with the advisory opinion provided by Chief, Special Actions Branch, National Guard Bureau who recommended granting relief. Due to no fault of the applicant, none of the six eligible years of payments were disbursed. The errors were made by the state while processing his paperwork. The Board noted that although the applicant did temporarily default on a loan, he later corrected this and all of his loans are in good standing. Therefore, the Board determined relief was warranted.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army and Army National Guard records of the individual concerned be corrected by:

- Showing the applicant was authorized payment for his approved loans, based on his 21 December 2007 Student Loan Repayment Program Addendum
- Payment of his loans, up to the maximum authorized, provided all other criteria is met

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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. 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 135-7 (Incentives Program), in effect at the time, prescribes policies and procedures for the administration of the ARNG and the U.S. Army Reserve incentive programs.

a. Paragraph 5.1-1 (SLRP) gives guidance for the administration of the SLRP Public Law 99-145, section 671 (a)(1), authorizes student loan repayment for qualified Selective Reserve (SELRES) enlisted personnel. This incentive is offered to qualifying non-prior, prior, and in-service personnel on signing a contractual agreement for a specified term of service in the SELRES and executing an SLRP Addendum.

b. Paragraph 5.1-6 (Termination), states that entitlement to the SLRP will stop if the Soldier: (a) receives the maximum SLRP, (b) moves to a non-bonus unit or MOS, (c) becomes an unsatisfactory participant, (d) accepts a permanent civilian position where membership is a condition of employment, (e) fails to extend the contracted term of service for period of non-availability, (f) exceeds the maximum period authored for suspension, (g) separates from the SELRES as an enlisted person for any reason including enlistment or voluntary recall into the active forces, (h) Soldier is ordered to active duty in Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) status, (i) does not become a high school diploma graduate within the required timeframe.

3. National Guard Regulation 600-7 (SRIP), in effect at the time, governs policies and procedures for the administration of the ARNG SRIP programs.

a. Paragraph 1-26 (Termination without recoupment), conditions under which termination without recoupment of incentives is warranted are: (1) fail to obtain high school diploma, (2) fails to ship, (3) involuntary separation as a result of unit transition or directed, (4) separation due to sole survivorship, (5) separation from ARNG or transfer from designated non-bonus position because of death, injury, illness or other impairment that is not the result of misconduct by the Soldier, (6) fails to become duty MOS qualified, (7) ordered to extended active duty, (8) accepts AGR position, (9) accepts a military technician position, (10) discharged for immediate reenlistment in any other component for which no bonus or education incentive is paid, (11) becomes a Simultaneous Membership Program, (12) accepts a Reserve Officers' Training Corps scholarship, (13) accepts appointment and a commissioned officer or warrant officer, (14) involuntarily ordered to retire, (15) discharged for hardship, (16) discharged for sole

survivorship, or (17) discharged due to injury or illness that occurred or was detected while assigned in a troop program unit status.

b. Paragraph 2-35 (Termination of incentives), incentive eligibility will be terminated when any of the termination reasons listed in paragraph 1-26 apply and that member will not be eligible to receive any further incentive payments, except for service performed before the termination date. Once declared ineligible, termination of an incentive will not affect a Soldier's responsibility to serve their current statutory or contractual service commitment.

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