

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007760

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to reflect continuous active-duty service from 14 November 1983 – 19 October 1991.

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

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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 in pertinent part that his DD Form 214 is incorrect because it does not accurately reflect his total service, instead it only reflects his service from 14 July 1991 – 19 October 1991.
3. A review of the applicant's available service records reflects the following:
  - a. On 8 November 1983, the applicant enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) for 6 years with duty as a 72E (Telecommunications Center Operator).
  - b. From 14 November 1983 – 2 May 1984, the applicant completed his initial active-duty training and was returned to his unit. DD Form 214 reflects the following:
    - Item 12a. (Date Entered Active Duty) – 14 November 1983
    - Item 12b. (Separation Date this Period) – 2 May 1984
    - Item 12c. (Net Active Service this Period) – 5 months and 19 days
    - Item 12d. (Total Prior Active Service) – 00 years 00 months 00 days
    - Item 12e. (Total Prior Inactive Service) – 6 days
  - c. On 22 May 1989, the applicant elected to extend his current enlistment in the USAR by 6 months.

- d. On 8 May 1990, the applicant reenlisted in the USAR for 6 years.
- e. On 15 January 1991, the applicant was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- f. On 8 May 1991, the applicant was released from active duty due to reaching his expiration term of service. DD Form 214 reflects the following:
- Item 12a; – 15 January 1991
  - Item 12b; – 8 May 1991
  - Item 12c; – 3 months and 24 days
- g. On 14 July 1991, the applicant was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- h. On 19 October 1991, the applicant was released from active duty due to reaching his expiration term of service. DD Form 214 reflects the following:
- Item 12a; – 14 July 1991
  - Item 12b; – 19 October 1991
  - Item 12c; – 3 months and 6 days
- i. On 14 November 1995, the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Center issued Orders Number D-11-597701 honorably discharging the applicant from the USAR, effective 14 November 1995.

#### BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant having prior active-duty service which is not properly annotated on his DD Form 214 for the end date of 19 October 1991, the Board recommended adding the prior active-duty service on the applicant's DD Form 214.

However, the applicant's request to have his entire USAR service annotated on his DD Form 214 is denied based upon the regulatory guidance on preparation of a DD Form 214 showing only active duty service.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:X	:X	:X	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by correcting the applicant's DD Form 214, end date 19 October 1991, to read:

- (BLOCK 12d) 00 05 19
- (BLOCK 12e) 00 00 00

2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains showing more service credit reflected on his DD Form 214.

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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, USC, 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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents) states that the DD Form 214 will reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. The purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It is important that information entered on the form be complete and accurate and reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Personnel officers will prepare and authenticate DD Form 214 prior to forwarding records to the transfer facility. All available records will be used as a basis for the preparation of DD Form 214, including DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record), and orders. A DD Form 214 will be prepared for each Reserve Component (RC) Soldier completing 90 days or more of continuous active duty for training (ADT) or when mobilized under sections 12301(a), 12302, or 12304, title 10, USC regardless of length of mobilization, when transitioned from active duty.

a. DD Form 214, will reflect the following:

- Item 12a. (Date Entered Active Duty (AD) This Period) will reflect the beginning date of the continuous period of AD for issuance of this DD Form 214, for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued
- Item 12b. (Separation Date This Period) will reflect the Soldier's transition date
- Item 12c. (Net Active Service This Period) will reflect the amount of service this period, computed by subtracting item 12a from 12b. Lost time under 10 USC 972 and non-creditable time after ETS, if any, are deducted. Such time will be identified in block 18
- Item 12d. (Total Prior Active Service) will reflect the total amount of prior active military service less lost time, if any from previously issued DD Form 214
- Item 12e. (Total Prior Inactive Service) will reflect the total amount of prior inactive service, less lost time, if any, from previously issued DD Form 214

b. Paragraph 2-7 (Issuing and Reissuing DD Form 214) provides that a DD Form 214 will not be issued to replace record copies or DD Forms 214 lost by Soldiers. If no DD Form 214 is available, issue a statement of service or transcript of military record.

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