

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 19 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007824

APPLICANT REQUESTS: five payments of his Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) incentive.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Consolidated summary of loans reflects 13 loans totaling an original amount award of \$36,521.00.

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 the first five previous payments of his SLRP need to be paid. He applied for those payments, sometimes multiple times; however they were never paid. The narrow window for processing SLRP payments with the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) data always expired, before they were actioned by the State or National Guard Bureau (NGB).
3. A review of the applicant's service records reflect the following:
 - a. He enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard (ARNG) on 26 September 2011.
 - b. He extended in the GAARNG for 6 years, on 4 December 2016. He was granted SLRP incentives.
 - c. A DA Form 4836 (Oath of Extension of Enlistment or Reenlistment) dated 4 December 2016, reflects:
 - He voluntarily extended his current ARNG agreement for 6 years

- His Expiration Term of Service date changed from 25 September 2017 to 25 September 2023
- He agreed to remain a member of the GAARNG during the entire period of the extension

d. He remains in the GAARNG.

e. A NGB Form 600-7-5-R-E-Current Member (CM) (SLRP Addendum) dated 4 December 2016, reflects:

(1) He had seven disbursed loan(s) in the amount of \$20,000 that were approved in the Guard Incentive Management System by his current assigned State Incentive Manager (IM)/SLRP Manager prior to executing this contract

(2) He extended in the ARNG for the "Six-Year \$50,000 duty military occupational specialty (MOS) qualified CM SLRP" and would receive anniversary CM SLRP payments that would not exceed 15% or \$500 (whichever is greater) of the initial disbursed amounts approved upon his CM SLRP extension date to include accrued interest. His annual payment would not exceed \$7,500

(3) Upon entering a commissioning program and/or accepting a commission as an officer or warrant officer in a Selected Reserve (SELRES) (Area of Concentration (AOC)/MOS), he may continue to receive his CM SLRP payment(s) as stipulated in my original contract so long as I remain otherwise qualified

(4) He was responsible for ensuring that a completed DD Form 2475 (DoD Educational Loan Repayment) and the NSLDS/Disbursement documentation and other required documents were received by the State IM/SLRP Manager prior to each CM SLRP anniversary payment date

(5) He understood he would be suspended from SLRP eligibility upon entry into a period of non-availability in the Inactive National Guard between his contract start date and contract completion date

f. He was appointed as a Commissioned Officer of the Regular Army in the rank of second lieutenant on 25 April 2018.

g. NGB Form 23A (ARNG Current Annual Statement) prepared 26 July 2025, reflects he was a member of the ARNG and had 6 creditable service years towards retirement from 26 July 2016 to 25 July 2022.

4. In the processing of this case, an advisory opinion was obtained on 27 June 2025, from the Chief, Special Actions Branch, NGB. The advisory official recommended approval of the applicant's request.

a. The applicant signed a CM SLRP Addendum on 4 December 2016 with a contract start date of 26 September 2017. He extended for 6 years in MOS 13D. At the time of signing the addendum, the applicant had seven disbursed loans in the amount of \$20,000, which was under the lifetime maximum amount of \$50,000. He then commissioned as a second lieutenant into the GAARNG effective 25 April 2018.

b. Per NGB Form 600-7-5-R-E-(CM), the applicant is eligible for continued receipt of his CM SLRP upon entering a commissioning program and/or accepting a commission as an officer or warrant officer in a SELRES (AOC)/MOS) as long as he remains otherwise qualified. He must remain the primary position holder not listed as excess (9993) upon being commissioned. The applicant may be terminated from CM SLRP eligibility with recoupment if he accepts an immediate appointment as an Officer in the Ready Reserve other than in the SELRES after entering into this agreement.

c. It is the recommendation of this office that the applicant's request be approved. Based on the applicant's records, the applicant commissioned in a SELRES and was not listed as excess. He remained otherwise eligible for the SLRP payments, and the contract should not have been terminated. It is the recommendation of this office that the closed year payments be made towards his student loans starting from fiscal year 18 that he has never received.

5. On 8 July 2025, the applicant was provided a copy of the advisory opinion and afforded 14 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 4 December 2016. In connection with his enlistment, he and a service representative authenticated a Student Loan Repayment Program (SLRP) Addendum indicating he had approved loans. 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. The NGB indicated that the applicant was eligible for continued receipt of his CM SLRP upon entering a commissioning program in the SELRES (AOC)/MOS) as long as he remained otherwise qualified. Based on the applicant's records, the applicant

commissioned in a SELRES and was not listed as excess. He remained otherwise eligible for the SLRP payments, and the contract should not have been terminated. 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 4 December 2016 Student Loan Repayment Program Addendum
- Payment of his loans, up to the maximum authorized, provided all other criteria is met

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:

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 Reserve (AGR) status, (i) does not become a high school diploma graduate within the required timeframe.

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

a. Paragraph 1-21 (Continued receipt of incentives), a Soldier may be eligible for continued receipt of incentive(s) when enlisted Soldiers who enter an authorized commissioning program as a non-scholarship recipient and/or accept an appointment or commission as an officer or warrant officer in a SELRES may continue to receive SLRP payments as stipulated in their original contract so long as they remain otherwise qualified.

b. 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.

c. 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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