

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008840

APPLICANT REQUESTS: Correction to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to remove his ex-wife's name. Additionally, he requests a copy of the amended DD Form 214.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Veterans Affairs (VA) decision letter reflects the VA removed L_I_ from his benefits information effective 1 April 2024, due to their divorce on 12 March 2024

FACTS:

1. The applicant states he wants his ex-wife's name removed from his DD Form 214.
2. A review of the applicant's service records reflects the following:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 24 February 2021.
 - b. He married L_I_ on 8 March 2021.
 - c. The applicant was honorably retired from active duty on 29 December 2022, for disability, combat related. His DD Form 214 shows in item 19b (Nearest Relative) L_I_. He endorsed his DD Form 214 by digital signature, on 18 November 2022.
3. For historical purposes, the Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records. The data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of a showing of material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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 presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The Board noted the applicant endorsed his DD Form 214 on 18 November 2022 and the DD Form 214 reflects the conditions at the time the document was created. The Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. Based on the service record and a preponderance of the evidence, the Board denied relief.

2. The Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records for historical purposes. The information in those records must reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of evidence that shows a material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed.

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.

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:

Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents) prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. The version in effect at the time established standardized policy for preparation of the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It states 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, reflective of the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For item 19b, advise a Soldier that the name and address of a relative should be someone who will know their location and address at all times. When a relative is not available, use a close friend.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//