

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008873

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect in item 25 (Education and Training Completed) his Quick Kill Instructor's Course and that he finished the Modified Drill Sergeant Course.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Diploma Modified Drill Sergeant (DS (SGT)) Course
- Student Rating Slip
- Quick Kill Instructor's Course Certificate
- DD Form 214

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 provides a diploma and certificate, which shows his attendance and graduation from the Modified DS Course, and his attendance and the completion of the Quick Kill Instructor's Course.
3. The applicant's service record shows the following:
 - a. The applicant was inducted and served on active duty from 6 August 1966 to 2 August 1968. He was honorably released from active duty and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).
 - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) reflects the following in item 38 (Record of Assignments) reflects: Drill Corporal 13 July 1967; Student Modified DS School 24 November 1967 and Drill Corporal (lined through) SGT 16 December 1967.

c. His DD Form 214 does not reflect his Quick Kill Instructor's Course or his Modified DS Course however, it does reflect a Drill Corporal School.

d. Letter Orders Number 07-1277154, 26 July 1972 honorably discharged the applicant from the USAR.

4. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), states, 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 DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that partial relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to support correction of the applicant's DD Form 214 to show completion of the Quick Kill Instructor's Course and the Modified Drill Sergeant (DS) Course in item 25 (Education and Training Completed). Evidence in the record show the applicant's assignment as a Drill Corporal beginning 13 July 1967 and his status as a student in the Modified DS School on 24 November 1967, with a subsequent promotion to sergeant on 16 December 1967. While his DD Form 214 currently reflects completion of Drill Corporal School, it does not include the Modified DS Course.

2. However, while the applicant also submitted a certificate for the Quick Kill Instructor's Course, there is no indication in the official record that this course was a formal program authorized for entry on the DD Form 214. In accordance with Army Regulation 635-5, only formal military education and training completed during the period of active duty are to be listed in item 25, and commemorative certificates alone do not meet this threshold. Therefore, the Board granted partial relief for correction of the applicant's DD Form 214 to include the Modified Drill Sergeant Course in item 25.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
XXX	XXX	XXX	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 amending the applicant's DD Form 214 for the period ending 2 August 1968, to show in: item 25 (Education and Training Completed): Modified Drill Sergeant Course, 3 weeks, 1967.

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 to adding the Quick Kill Instructor's Course Certificate to the applicant's 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S): N/A

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 15-185 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR), currently in effect, prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.
3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), prescribes the separation documents that must be prepared for soldiers on retirement, discharge, release from active-duty service, or control of the Active Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. It states for item 25 (Education and Training Completed) Enter service schools, including major courses which were successfully completed, and military sponsored courses completed in civilian schools and colleges during the period covered by the DD Form 214 being prepared. This entry includes the highest civilian education level acquired during this period of military service, if appropriate.

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