

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009437

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show the following entries in:

- block 12h (Initial Entry Training) 1987 12 04
- block 12i (Effective Date of Pay Grade) 1996 02 13

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 for the period 3 February-9 July 1988
- Honorable Discharge Certificate, 13 February 1996

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, in effect, his DD Form 214 was corrected to show the character of his service as honorable instead of uncharacterized. However, his DD Form 214 should be further corrected to show in block 12h he entered initial active duty for training (IADT) on 4 December 1987 and to show in block 12i the effective date of pay grade as 13 February 1996.
3. The applicant's DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States) shows he enlisted in the in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) on 4 December 1987 in the rank and pay grade of private (PVT)/E-1.
4. The applicant's DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record-Part II) shows in:
  - Item 38 (Record of Assignments), he was ordered to IADT for a period of 21 weeks with a reporting date of 3 February 1988
  - Item 38, he entered IADT on 3 February 1988

5. The applicant's DD Form 214 (issued at the time) shows he was released from IADT on 9 July 1988 in the rank and grade of PVT/E-1. It further shows in:

- Block 12a (Dated Entered Active Duty this Period), 88 02 03
- Block 12e (Total Prior Inactive Service), 00 01 29
- Block 12h (Effective Date of Pay Grade), 87 12 04
- Block 24 (Character of Service), uncharacterized

6. The version of the DD Form 214 in effect at the time of the applicant's release from IADT in July 1988 did not require the recording of the date of entry on IADT.

7. The applicant's DA Form 2-1 shows in item 18 (Appointments and Reductions) he was promoted to private/E-2 effective 10 July 1988, the day after his release from IADT.

8. The applicant provided his Honorable Discharge Certificate showing he was discharged from the USAR on 13 February 1996 in the rank and grade of specialist/E-4.

9. On 27 September 2022, the applicant was reissued his DD Form 214, as result of an ABCMR decision, showing the character of service as honorable. The reissued DD Form 214 further shows in:

- Block 12h (Initial Entry Training), 0000 00 00
- Block 12i (Effective Date of Pay Grade), 1987 12 04

#### 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, and all documents submitted in support of the petition:

a. Initial Entry Training. Change: Deny. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there was insufficient evidence to support a change to his initial entry training date to reflect 4 December 1987.

b. Effective Date of Pay Grade: Deny. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there is insufficient evidence to support the applicant's request to amend his Effective Date of Pay Grade to the pay grade of E-4 to reflect 13 February 1996

2. The Board approved the administrative corrections to the applicant's service records to reflect the statement in the Administrative Notes section of this document.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:            :            :            GRANT FULL RELIEF

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:            :            :            GRANT FORMAL HEARING

■           ■           ■            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.

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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): add to block 12h of the applicant's DD Form 214 the entry 1988 02 03.

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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) explains separation document preparation, distribution, and corrections. It states the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clearcut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The regulation provides that:

a. In block 12h (Initial Entry Training) enter the total amount of service time required to complete basic training, advanced individual training, or one station unit training, if that training occurred during the period of service covered on block 12c (Net Active Service this Period). When a Soldier did not complete one of these three training events during the current period of active duty enter "0000 00 00."

b. In block 12i (Effective Date of Pay Grade) from the most recent promotion document (or reduction instrument), enter the effective date of promotion or reduction to the current pay grade.

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