

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 7 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009886

APPLICANT REQUESTS: issuance of a DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for his period(s) of active-duty service while in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Army Service Records (7 pages), dated 11 January 2003 to 19 October 2023

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 he was never issued a DD Form 214 for his active-duty time. On 19 October 2023, he was finally issued a DA Form 1569 (Transcript of Military Record) from U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC). However, the document is insufficient for certain State Veterans benefits.

3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. He enlisted in the USAR on 18 March 1999.

b. He was ordered to initial active duty for training (IADT) for the completion of Basic Combat training from 20 May 1999 to 31 July 1999 (73 days). Upon completion, he was released from active duty and returned to the control of the USAR.

c. He was ordered to IADT for the completion of Advanced Individual Training from 22 May 2000 to 4 August 2000 (75 days). Upon completion, he was awarded Military Occupational Specialty 73C (Finance Specialist) and returned to the control of the USAR.

d. Orders M-011-0225, Headquarters, 81st Regional Support Command, Birmingham, AL, dated 11 January 2003, ordered him to active duty on 21 January 2003, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, for a period of 365 days.

e. Orders M03-336-0010, Headquarters, 81st Regional Readiness Command, Birmingham, AL, dated 2 December 2003, amended the above order to show the period of active duty as 730 days.

f. The personnel actions portion of his Total Army Personnel Database entry shows his involuntary mobilization was for the period 17 January 2003 to 26 October 2004. Upon completion, he was returned to the control of the USAR.

g. He was honorably discharged from the USAR on 17 March 2007.

h. His service record does not contain, nor did he provide a DD Form 214 for any period of active duty performed during his service in the USAR.

i. On 19 October 2023, HRC issued him a DA Form 1569, in lieu of a DD Form 214, which shows his two active duty periods from 20 May 1999 to 31 July 1999 and 22 May 2000 to 4 August 2000.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the applicant's military records, 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 of record shows the applicant was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and was issued orders to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from 17 January 2003 to 26 October 2004, a period of 1 year, 9 months and 10 days of net active-duty service, when he was returned to his unit. The Board determined that the applicant served on active duty and was authorized the issuance of a DD Form 214 and therefore granted relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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■ ■ ■ GRANT FULL RELIEF

: : : GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

: : : DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant full relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by issuing the applicant a DD Form 214 for the period of 17 January 2003 to 26 October 2004, when he was honorably separated. He completed 1 year, 9 months, and 10 days of active-duty service and was returned to the control of the U.S. Army Reserve.

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[Redacted Signature]

CHAIRPERSON

[Redacted Name]

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 (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 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (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), prescribes the policies and procedures relating to transition management. The regulation provides:
 - a. The DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is a summary of a Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty of 90 days or more. It provides a brief, clearcut record of active duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.
 - b. A DD Form 214 will be prepared for Reserve Component (RC) Soldiers awarded a Military Occupational Specialty even if the period of active duty is less than 90 days. When a RC Soldier successfully completes initial active duty for training the character of service is Honorable unless directed otherwise by the separation approval authority.
 - c. A DD Form 214 will be prepared for RC Soldiers, mobilized under Sections 12301(a), 12302, or 12304, Title 10, USC and called into Federal service under chapter 15, or Section 12406, Title 10, USC, regardless of length of mobilization, when transitioned from active duty. A Soldier who reports to a mobilization station and is found unqualified for active duty will be excluded from this provision. He or she will only receive a DD Form 220 (Active Duty Report).
 - d. A DA Form 1569 (Transcript of Military Record) is for use by the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center or by U.S. Army Human Resource Command (HRC) in lieu of a DD Form 214 or to correct separation documents prior to the DD Form 214 era.
3. On 25 July 2018, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness issued guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records (BCM/NR) regarding equity, injustice, or clemency determinations. Clemency generally refers to relief specifically granted from a criminal sentence. BCM/NRs may grant clemency regardless of the type of court-martial. However, the guidance applies to more than clemency from a sentencing in a court-martial; it also applies to other corrections, including changes in a discharge, which may be warranted based on equity or relief from injustice.

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