

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009954

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

- Block 1 (Name) change [REDACTED]
- Block 19a (Mailing Address after Separation)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- North Carolina Application, License and Certificate of Marriage

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 she is requesting correction of her DD Form 214 to show her name following marriage and the address after separation updated to show her current address.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 29 April 2008. Her DD Form 4 (Enlisted/ Reenlistment– Armed Forces of the United States) shows in Block 1 (Name) [REDACTED] the contested name.
 - b. On 27 May 2009, she was retired from active duty due to permanent disability. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 1 year, and 29 days of active service. It also shows in Block 1 (Name) the contested name of [REDACTED] Block 19b lists her address in Newport News, VA.

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 and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. The applicant's DD Form 214 was examined for accuracy at the time of separation. The applicant's records confirm she did not serve under the requested name. Documentation shows she was married after her period of service ended, meaning the requested name change occurred post-service. At the time of her release from active duty, the applicant endorsed her DD Form 214, attesting that the address listed was correct.

2. The governing regulations require that names and addresses reflected on separation documents be those in effect during the period of service. Since the applicant's marriage occurred after separation, the requested name was not applicable during her service. The applicant's endorsement of her DD Form 214 at separation affirms the accuracy of the address recorded. No error or injustice was found in the preparation of the DD Form 214. 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.

3. The applicant is advised that a copy of this decisional document, along with her application and the supporting evidence she provided, will be filed in her official military records. This should serve to clarify any questions or confusion regarding the difference in the name recorded in her military records and to satisfy her desire to have her name documented in her military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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:

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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, 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. Block

a. Block 1 (Name) enter in all capitals, include ^aSR, ^o ^aJR^o or ^aII, ^o if appropriate. Compare ERB/ORB to contract for possible name change.

b. Block 19 (Mailing Address after Separation and Nearest Relative) will be provided by the soldier. (a) This address must be a permanent address. Civilian penal institutions will not be accepted.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//