

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240010604

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- her U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) record to be added to her official file for the period 20 July 1995 through 26 July 1996
- change her last name [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] from her 2020 marriage

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) shows service in the Regular Army for the period of 15 September 1987 through 14 September 1990 and shows the applicant's last name as [REDACTED]
- DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award or Army Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Meritorious Service Medal) first page shows the applicant's name as [REDACTED] recommended for the Army Achievement Medal for service during the period of 1 February through 26 March 1991
- DD Form 214 shows service on active duty from the USAR for the period of 31 January through 26 March 1991 and shows the applicant's last name as [REDACTED]
- DA Form 4187 (Personnel Action) dated 2 April 1996 for name change from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] due to her marriage
- DD Form 214 shows service on active duty from the USAR for the period of 30 June 1995 through 26 July 1996
- U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command Orders Number D-04-825382 shows the applicant was honorably discharged from the USAR, effective 7 April 1998, in the name of [REDACTED]
- National Personnel Records Center letter dated 11 June 2012 to the applicant in the name of [REDACTED] states a DD Form 214 is issued to document periods of active service, Veterans of the National Guard or Reserve will not receive DD Form 214 unless active service is 90 consecutive days
- Army Board for Corrections of Military Records Docket Number AR20130016419 for the applicant in the name of [REDACTED] dated 9 July 2014 granted her request for correction of her Social Security Number; however, denied request to combine all her DD Forms 214 stating there was no provision to combine military service onto a single DD Form 214

- State of Colorado Marriage License shows the applicant was married on 8 October 2020 to [REDACTED]

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:

- She requests to add her USAR record for duty 20 July 1995 through 26 July 1995 to her service record, she did not turn in her training document to her unit
- change her name from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] as of 8 October 2020 due to her marriage

3. The applicant requests to add documents to her official record. The Board is not a records repository, and if the applicant desires to place documents in her official records she is directed to provide the documents to the National Personnel Record Center for inclusion in her official records. The portion of the applicant's request regarding her USAR record for the period of 20 July 1995 through 26 July 1996 to be added to her service record will not be considered by the Board. However, the Board will consider her request to change her name.

4. A review of the applicant's service records shows:

- on 15 September 1987, the applicant enlisted in the Regular Army using the last name [REDACTED]
- on 14 September 1990, the applicant was honorably released from active duty and assigned to the USAR Control Group (Reinforcement); DD Form 214 shows her last name as [REDACTED]
- on 1 February 1991, the applicant requested her name to be changed from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] due to a divorce
- on 31 January 1991 the applicant was ordered to active duty in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm, she was honorably released from active duty on 26 March 1991 and assigned to the USAR Control Group (Reinforcement); DD Form 214 shows her last name as [REDACTED]
- on 15 March 1993, the applicant was assigned to a USAR Troop Program Unit (TPU) by Orders Number C-06-323252 dated 22 June 1993
- on 25 February 1994, the applicant was assigned to the USAR Control Group (Reinforcement) by Orders Number 37-38 dated 1 March 1994

- on 17 December 1994, the applicant reenlisted in the USAR with a concurrent assignment to the USAR TPU; DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States) shows her last name as [REDACTED]
- on 19 December 1994, the applicant was assigned to the USAR TPU by Orders Number C-12-452682 dated 27 December 1994
- on 30 June 1995, the applicant was ordered to active duty for training to attend the military occupational specialty 91C (Practical Nurse) for 93-days
- on 2 April 1996, the applicant requested her name to be changed from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] due to marriage
- on 26 July 1996, the applicant was released from active duty for training after completing 1-year and 7-days of active service; DD Form 214 shows her last name as [REDACTED]
- on 14 August 1997, the applicant was assigned to the USAR Control Group (Reinforcement) by Orders Number 226-153 dated 14 August 1997

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant's last period of military service ending in 1996, and the applicant's requested name change was effective in 2020, due to marriage, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant's name.

2. The Board wished to inform the applicant that the name reflected on a DD Form 214 is responsible for annotating information at the time of separation and events after service do not require changes to the document.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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.
2. Prior to closing the case, the Board noted the administrative notes below from the analyst of record and recommended that change be completed to more accurately reflect the military service of the applicant.

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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):

1. Reference the enclosed request for correction of military records from the subject individual to correct her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period for service during June 30, 1995 through July 26, 1996, by:
 - a. Delete: Item 24 (Character of Service): Uncharacterized
 - b. Add: Item 24: Honorable
2. A review of the records listed below (enclosed) is sufficient to substantiate correction of the DD Form 214 without action by the Board.
 - DD Form 214 for service during 30 June 1995 through 26 July 1996
 - Army Regulation 635-8 (Personnel Separations – Separation Processing and Documents)
3. Please correct the applicant's DD Form 214 by deleting and adding the character of service paragraph 1a and b above. Provide the applicant a copy of the corrections. Please ensure that the corrections are recorded in the applicant's official military personnel record.

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 (AR) 635-8 (Personnel Separations – Separation Processing and Documents) provides principles of support, standards of service, policies, tasks, rules, and steps governing required actions in the field to support processing personnel for separation and preparation of separation documents.

a. Paragraph 5-1 (When to prepare the DD Form 214), 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. E., Personnel separated or discharged who have been furnished a prior edition of the DD Form 214, unless that form needs reissuance for some other reason.

b. Paragraph 5–6 (Rules for completing the DD Form 214), this paragraph provides detailed instructions for data required in each block of the DD Form 214. a. Block 1: Name. Compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in block 18.

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