

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 July 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011773

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period 27 April 1984 to 27 June 1985 to show in block 2 (Department, Component and Branch) her component as Regular Army (RA) instead of U.S. Army Reserve (USAR).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 for the period 29 December 1982 to 26 April 1984
- Headquarters, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, OK, Orders 177-128, dated 26 June 1985
- DD Form 214 for the period 27 April 1984 to 27 June 1985
- 8 pages of miscellaneous military personnel records

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, block 2 of her DD Form 214 for the period ending 27 June 1985 shows Army/USAR/FA (note: FA means Field Artillery branch), which is incorrect. She was serving in the Regular Army, Field Artillery branch, during the period covered by the DD Form 214. The correction should be made because she was in the Regular Army and had continuous active service from 1982 to 1985.
3. Following enlisted service in the Regular Army from 29 December 1982 to 26 April 1984, the applicant was appointed a Reserve commissioned officer of the Army, Field Artillery branch, effective 27 April 1984.

4. The applicant entered active duty in officer status on 27 April 1984 for an active-duty commitment of three years (obligated volunteer officer). Her active-duty orders show her component as USAR.
5. The applicant's Officer Record Brief, dated February 1985, shows her component as USAR.
6. Headquarters, U.S. Army Field Artillery Center, Fort Sill, OK, Orders 177-128, dated 26 June 1985, ordered the applicant's discharge from the Army effective 27 June 1985. The orders show her component as USAR.
7. The applicant's DD Form 214 shows she was discharged on 27 June 1985. Block 2 of the DD Form 214 shows the entry "ARMY/USAR/FA."
8. The applicant did not provide, and her records do not contain, documentary evidence indicating she was appointed a commissioned officer in the Regular Army.

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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined the applicant previously served in the Regular Army from 29 December 1982 to 26 April 1984. However, effective 27 April 1984, the applicant was appointed as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army Reserve (USAR), Field Artillery branch, and entered active duty as an Obligated Volunteer Officer. Her active-duty orders, Officer Record Brief (ORB) dated February 1985, and discharge orders dated 26 June 1985 all reflect her component as USAR.
2. The Board noted, in accordance with Army Regulation 635-5, in effect at the time, the DD Form 214 is intended to reflect the Soldier's component and status during the most recent period of continuous active duty. The applicant's DD Form 214 correctly reflects her component as USAR during the period of officer service from 27 April 1984 to 27 June 1985. There is no evidence in the applicant's records, nor has she provided documentation, indicating she was appointed as a commissioned officer in the Regular Army. Based on the regulatory guidance and the documentation in the official record, the Board determined that the applicant's DD Form 214 was properly prepared and accurately reflects her component at the time of discharge. Therefore, the Board denied relief for correction of Block 2 on the DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	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.

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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.

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 (Separations Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It states the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the

Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

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