

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011843

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

- Item 12a (Date Entered AD [Active Duty] This Period) – 75 10 01
- Item 12c (Net Active Service This Period) – 14 06 28
- Item 12d (Total Prior Active Service) – 00 00 00

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 293 (Application for the Review of Discharge from the Armed Forces of the United States)
- DD Form 214, for the period ending 27 April 1990

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 is missing a DD Form 214 for his first enlistment in 1975, which includes 3 years, 8 months, and 1 day of honorable service with no time lost.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 1 October 1975.

b. He was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal on 12 February 1979 for his service during the period 1 October 1975 to 30 September 1978.

c. He subsequently reenlisted on the following dates:

- 1 June 1979
- 7 October 1982

- 9 September 1985
- 30 March 1988

d. He was honorably discharged on 27 April 1990. His DD Form 214 contains the following entries:

- Item 12a: 79 06 01
- Item 12c: 10 10 27
- Item 12d: 03 08 01
- Item 18: IMMEDIATE REENLISTMENTS THIS PERIOD: 821007 – 850908; 850909 – 880329; 880330 – 900427

e. The applicant's Personnel Qualification Record, Section IV, items 1 and 2 show his Pay Entry Base Date (PEBD) and Basic Active Service Date (BASD) as 75 10 01.

4. The applicant's service record does not contain a separate DD Form 214 for the period 1 October 1975 to 31 May 1979.

5. As a matter of information, prior to 1978 a separate DD Form 214 was issued each time an individual was discharged from active duty, even though they might reenlist the next day. Since January 1978 one DD Form 214 has been issued for the entire last period of service, no matter how many reenlistments, provided there have been no breaks in service in excess of 24 hours and the Soldier immediately reenlists.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

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 regulatory guidance for preparing DD Form 214s for each period of service and the applicant's DD Form 214 accurately depicting the previous period of honorable service, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the applicant's DD Form 214.

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.

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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 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers at the time of retirement, discharge, or release from active duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).

a. In pertinent part, the regulation states the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty retirement or discharge.

b. The date entered in Item 12a (Date Entered AD This Period) should be the beginning date of the enlistment period or tour of active duty for which a DD Form 214 was not previously issued.

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