

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 5 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240012472

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), ending on 20 October 2022 to reflect:

- Item 14 (Military Education) – Infantryman/11B Course and the Structured Self Development (SSD) (Distance Learning) Level 1 Course
- Item 19a. (Mailing Address After Separation) – [REDACTED]
- Item 19b. (Nearest Relative) – [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- License and Certificate of Marriage – reflective of the applicant being legally married to [REDACTED] on or about 16 August 2024
- Judgement of Divorce – reflective of the applicant being legally divorced from Ms. [REDACTED] on or about 15 May 2023
- Driver's License – reflective of the applicant being licensed to drive by the State of California
- Joint Services Transcript – reflective of the applicant's completion of the Infantryman Course between 17 May 2019 – 23 August 2019 and the SSD Level 1 Course on 16 May 2021
- Certificates – reflective of the applicant's completion of Basic Combat Training on 23 August 2019

FACTS:

1. The applicant states in part the submitted request needs to be granted in that his records be updated to accurately reflect his military training completed and the address of his current spouse (nearest relative).
2. A review of the applicant's service records reflects the following:

- On 6 May 2019 – he enlisted in the Regular Army for 5 years with duty as an 11B (Infantryman).
- On 1 September 2022 – a Physical Evaluation Board convened finding the applicant physically unfit for continued military service with a recommendation that he be medically separated with entitlement to severance pay
- On 22 September 2022 (Orders Number 265-0002) – he was reassigned to the U.S. Army transition point pending transition processing
- On 20 October 2022 – the applicant was medically discharged from military service; DD Form 214 reflects the following:

- Item 14 (Military Education) – None
- Item 19a. (Mailing Address After Separation) – [REDACTED]
- Item 19b. (Nearest Relative) – [REDACTED]

#### 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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice.

a. As it pertains to the applicant's military education, AR 635-8 specifically prohibits the addition of training courses for combat skills in block 14 of the DD Form 214.

b. As it pertains to the applicant's request to change the mailing address and nearest relative on his DD Form 214, the Board noted the applicant was not married until after his discharge from active duty.

c. The Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. Based on the service record and a preponderance of the evidence, the Board denied relief.

2. 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.

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.

REFERENCE:

Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) provides policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidates the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. This regulation explains separation document preparation, distribution, correction, and transition processing specific to the Disability Evaluation System. 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 their Release from Active Duty (REFRAD), retirement, or discharge. The DD Form 214 is not intended to have any legal effect on termination of a Soldier's service. DD Form 214 will reflect the following:

- Item 12h. (Initial Entry Training) will reflect the total amount of service time required to complete basic training, advanced individual training, or one station unit training, if that training occurred during the period of service covered on item 12c.
- Item 14 (Military Education) all formal, in-service (full-time attendance) training courses successfully completed during the period of service covered by the DD Form 214 of at least 1 week or 40 hours duration; this information is to assist the Soldier in job placement and counseling; therefore, do not list training courses for combat skills
- Item 19a. (Mailing Address After Separation) is as provided by the Soldier and must be a permanent address; enter street address, city, state, and zip code
- Item 19b. (Nearest Relative) is as provided by the Soldier and should be someone who will know the Soldier's location and address at all times; when a relative is not available list a close friend; enter name, street address, city, state, and zip code

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