

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 30 July 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240012578

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) Item 7b (Home of Record (HOR) at Time of Entry) to show Virginia and not Florida.

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

- Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) Application, 11 September 2024
- Initial Enlistment Documents (36) in support of his claim showing his HOR address in Virginia
- Separation Order
- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty), 30 September 2023

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 his HOR as listed on his DD Form 214 shows his retirement address instead of his HOR at the time of his entry. He enlisted with a HOR as an address in Virginia. This address was listed on all his enlistment documentation and originally appeared correctly on his DD Form 214 worksheet; however, his HOR now shows an address in Florida. He believes the error occurred during the system transition to Integrated Personnel and Pay System - Army (IPPS-A) and went unnoticed until now. He emphasized that the mistake could impact his dependents' eligibility for Virginia state veteran benefits, and he is asking for it to be corrected.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows the following:
 - a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 19 September 2003, for a 4-year period. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States) shows his HOR as a Virginia address.

b. He reenlisted on 21 May 2007, 22 August 2008, 16 October 2012, and 1 December 2015. His DD Forms 4 show his HOR as a Virginia address.

c. He was honorably retired on 30 September 2023. His DD Form 214 shows in Block 7b (HOR at Time of Entry) the contested HOR as a Florida address.

4. HOR is the place recorded as the HOR of the Soldier when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, or ordered to a tour of active duty. This cannot be changed unless there is a break in active service of at least 1 full day, or it is determined by the U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) to be factually incorrect. HOR is not necessarily the same as the legal domicile as defined for income tax purposes. Legal domicile may change during a Soldier's career.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was 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 based on the regulatory guidance outlined in Army policy and the documentation submitted, there is sufficient basis to support a change to the applicant's Home of Record (HOR).

2. The Board noted applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 19 September 2003, and his original DD Form 4, along with subsequent reenlistment contracts dated May 2007, August 2008, October 2012, and December 2015, consistently list a Virginia address as his Home of Record. The Board acknowledged in accordance with Army Regulation 635-8 and the Joint Federal Travel Regulation (JFTR), the Home of Record is defined as the location recorded at the time of enlistment and may only be changed if it is factually incorrect or if there is a break in service of at least one full day. The Board found the applicant's DD Form 214 issued upon his retirement on 30 September 2023 incorrectly lists Ruskin, Florida as the HOR, which appears to be a clerical error likely resulting from his separation at MacDill AFB, Florida. As all official enlistment documentation supports Virginia as the correct HOR, the Board agreed there is sufficient evidence to grant relief for correction of Item 7b on the applicant's DD Form 214 to reflect Virginia as his Home of Record.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
XXX	XXX	XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 to show in item 7b (Home of Record (HOR) for the period ending 30 September 2023 to show his HOR as Virginia.

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. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) provides the policies and procedures for separation documents. It states, in pertinent part, a Soldier's initial enlistment contract or appointment document is the source for this data. List the street address, city, state, and zip code listed as the Soldier's Home of Record (HOR). For Reserve Component Soldiers, the active-duty order lists the Soldier's HOR. HOR is the place recorded as the HOR of the Soldier when commissioned, appointed, enlisted, or ordered to a tour of active duty. This cannot be changed unless there is a break in active service of at least 1 full day, or it is determined by the Army Human Resources Command to be factually incorrect. HOR is not necessarily the same as the legal

domicile as defined for income tax purposes. Legal domicile may change during a Soldier's career.

2. A Soldier's initial enlistment contract or order to active duty is the source document for the Place of Entry into Active Duty. Officers enter active duty in accordance with their initial order to active duty. Normally, this is a temporary duty location for attendance at the Basic Officer Leader Course or other temporary duty location (for example, in support of Reserve Officers' Training Command Summer Camp or Gold Bar Recruiting duties). Army National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers, the active duty order for this period of service will list where the Soldier enters active duty (for example, home address, home station, mobilization station, Army installation, and so forth). Normally, this location is the first "Report to" lead line listed on the order.

3. The Joint Federal Travel Regulation provides that the HOR is the place recorded as the home of the individual at the time of enlistment or induction. There is no authority to change the HOR as officially recorded at time of entry into the military service. However, there is authority to correct a HOR if erroneously entered on the records at that time, and then only for travel and transportation purposes. Correction of the HOR must be based on evidence that a bona fide error was made and the HOR as corrected must have been the actual home of the individual at the time of entry into the relevant period of service. It must not be a place selected for the convenience of the Soldier.

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