

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240013032

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction to her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show in item 1 (Last Name – First Name – Middle Name) – her first name as [REDACTED] rather than [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-authored letter
- DD Form 214, for period of service ending 14 July 1994. Item 1 reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]. Her social security number (SSN) is shown as [REDACTED]
- Certificate of Birth which reflects she was born on 12 November 1972, with her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]
- Social Security card issued 1 October 2019, which reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]. Her SSN is shown as [REDACTED]
- Driver License issued 12 February 2021, which reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [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, her first name and middle name are not in the correct order on her DD Form 214. She has submitted a claim with the Veterans Affairs, and wants her name corrected in case she receives compensation for disability.
3. A review of the applicant's service records reflects the following:
  - a. She enlisted in the Regular Army, on 18 February 1992.

b. Item 1 (Name) of her DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]

c. Item 1a (Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)) of her DD Form 2366 (Veteran's Educational Assistance Act of 1984 (New GI Bill)), reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_. She endorsed this form by signature on 15 November 1991, with her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_.

d. Annex A, attachment to DA Form 7249-R (Certificate and Acknowledgement of Service Requirements and Methods of Fulfillment for Individuals Enlisting or Transferring Into Troop Program Units of the Army National Guard/U.S. Army Reserve Upon Release from Active Duty/Discharge from Active Army Service), reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_. She endorsed this form by signature on 19 May 1994, with her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_.

e. DA Form 5261-3-R-E (Selected Reserve Incentive Program – Affiliation Bonus Addendum, shows her signed endorsement by signature on 19 May 1994, with her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_.

f. Orders 122-0025, issued by Headquarters, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Carson, CO on 2 May 1994, reassigned her to the transition point, effective 13 July 1994. Orders reflect her first name as [REDACTED] and middle initial as J\_.

g. The applicant was honorably released from active duty on 14 July 1994, under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200 (Personnel Separations – Enlisted Personnel). Her DD Form 214 reflects her first name as [REDACTED] and middle name as [REDACTED]

4. For historical purposes, the Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records. The data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of a showing of material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed.

#### 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 applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used her name in the contested order during her entire period of service. 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.

3. The applicant is advised that a copy of this decisional document, along with her application and the supporting evidence she provided, will be filed in her official military records. This should serve to clarify any questions or confusion regarding the difference in the name recorded in her military records and to satisfy her desire to have her name documented in her military records.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
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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.

<p><b>X</b> //SIGNED//</p>
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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) prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. The version in effect at the time established standardized policy for preparation of the DD Form 214. 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. It states the purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. It is important that information entered on the form be complete and accurate, reflective of the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. For item 1, enter name in all capital letters in the order shown. Include abbreviation for junior, senior, second, when appropriate.

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