

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 8 July 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20250006400

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her service record due to Executive Order 14184 (Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate) to, in effect:

- Revoke U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Fort Bragg, North Carolina Orders 168-0260, 17 June 2022
- Void and remove from her Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR), her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 1 July 2022
- Show constructive service credit without a break in service for the period 2 July 2022 through 7 July 2025
- Restore all entitlements to include but not limited to backpay, allowances, and benefits she is otherwise qualified for, for the period 2 July 2022 through 7 July 2025
- Automatic promotion to sergeant first class (SFC)/E-7
- Remove any and all derogatory and disciplinary documents related to her refusing to become fully vaccinated against Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) from her AMHRR

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Two DD Forms 214
- Three DA Forms 2166-8 (Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Evaluation Report)
- Two DA Forms 2166-9-1 (Evaluation Report sergeant (SGT)/E-5)
- Four DA Forms 2166-9-1 (Evaluation Report staff sergeant (SSG)/E-6 through first sergeant (1SG)/E-8 or master sergeant (MSG)/E-8)
- DD Form 93 (Record of Emergency Data)
- Three DA Forms 1059 (Service School Academic Evaluation Report)
- Three DD Forms 4 (Enlistment Reenlistment Document Armed Forces of the United States)
- DA Form 1695 (Oath of Extension of Enlistment)

- Four Character References
- Four DA Forms 4856 (Developmental Counseling Form)
- Two DA Forms 268 (Report to Suspend Favorable Personnel Actions (Flag))
- Request for General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand (GOMOR), 13 October 2021
- GOMOR, 15 November 2021
- Response to GOMOR, 22 November 2021
- GOMOR Filing Determination, 20 January 2022
- Army Directive 2022-02, 31 January 2022
- Acknowledgement Receipt of the Filing Determination Concerning a GOMOR, 24 February 2022
- Assumption of Command, 10 March 2022
- Separation Under Army Regulation 635-200 (Active Duty Enlisted Administrative Separations), Chapter 14-12c (Commission of a serious offense), 15 March 2022
- Acknowledgment of Receipt of Separation Notice, 15 March 2022
- Letter of Intent to Separate
- Administrative Separation Board Conditional Waiver, 23 March 2022
- Commander's Report
- Proposed Separation under Army Regulation 635-200, Chapter 14-12c
- Battalion Commander's Separation Recommendation
- Brigade Commander's Separation Recommendation, 6 April 2022
- Battalion Commander's Conditional Waiver Recommendation
- Brigade Commander's Conditional Waiver Recommendation
- Separation Approval, 1 June 2022
- Medical Records (18 Pages)
- Central Issue Facility (CIF) Documents (10 Pages)
- DA Form 31 (Request and Authority for Leave)
- Leave and Earnings Statement (LES)
- Three Enlisted Record Briefs (ERB)
- Orders 168-0260, 17 June 2022
- Action: Rehire, 11 May 2024
- DA Form 1506 (Statement of Service)
- DA Form 3286 (Statement for Enlistment United States Army Enlistment Program)
- DD Form 1966 (Record of Military Processing - Armed Forces of the United States)

FACTS:

1. The applicant states, in effect, she is requesting correction of her service record due to Executive Order 14184 (Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate). She was wrongfully discharged for refusing

the COVID-19 Vaccine, she is now asking for benefits and entitlements she would have received if allowed to continue her service, and for an automatic promotion to SFC/E-7. Based on her order of merit list (OML) number of 1, had she not been separated, she would have been evaluated by a centralized promotion board for promotion in 2022, with a possible promotion date of 1 July 2023.

2. The applicant provides and the service record shows:

- On 1 March 2006, she enlisted in the Regular Army; she was honorably discharged on 13 September 2012, due to parenthood after completing 6 years, 5 months, and 22 days
- On 10 July 2017, she reenlisted in the Regular Army
- On 24 August 2021, the Secretary of Defense mandated that all service members receive the COVID-19 vaccine
- On 27 September 2021, the applicant refused to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- On 15 November 2021, she was reprimanded for disobeying a lawful order by refusing to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and received a GOMOR; she acknowledged receipt of the GOMOR
- On 20 January 2022, her commanding general directed that the GOMOR be filled in the applicant's AMHRR; she acknowledged receipt of the filing determination of the GOMOR
- On 15 March 2022, she was notified that separation action was initiated against her for refusing to become fully vaccinated; she acknowledged receipt of the separation action
- On 1 June 2022, her commanding general directed she be separated from the Army prior to the expiration of her current term of service, with an honorable discharge
- On 17 June 2022, she was issued separation Orders 168-0260, which show a separation date of 20 June 2022
- Her DD Form 214 shows that on 1 July 2022, she was honorably discharged due to misconduct (serious offence); she completed 4 years, 11 months, and 22 days of active federal service
- On 10 January 2023, the Secretary of Defense rescinded the COVID-19 vaccine mandate
- On 8 July 2024, she reenlisted in the Regular Army; the applicant is currently serving on active duty at the rank of SSG/E-6
- The applicant does not provide, and the record does not reflect any documents that show her OML number in 2022


BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, 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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army on 1 March 2006, serving honorably before the implementation of the COVID-19 vaccine mandate on 24 August 2021. The applicant ultimately refused vaccination on 27 September 2021, leading to a General Officer Memorandum of Reprimand (GOMOR) on 15 November 2021. She was subsequently discharged with an under honorable conditions (General) discharge for misconduct on 1 July 2022 related to failure to comply with the mandate.

2. On 10 January 2023, the COVID-19 mandate was rescinded, leading to reassessment of prior separations related to vaccine refusal. With the applicant reenlisting in the Regular Army on 8 July 2024, the Board finds justification for approving relief, taking into consideration the applicant's service record, and evolving policy decisions.

BOARD VOTE:

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			GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. Based upon the applicant agreeing to the reinstatement terms and conditions for revoking her discharge and the applicant re-entering active duty, the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by:

- Removing the GOMOR, dated 15 November 2021 from the applicant's AMHRR, and associated allied documents
- Removing all derogatory information related to the applicant disobeying a lawful order by refusing to become fully vaccinated against COVID-19 from her AMHRR
- Revoking U.S. Army Installation Management Command, Headquarters, United States Army Garrison, Fort Bragg, North Carolina Orders 168-0260, 17 June 2022
- Voiding and removing from her AMHRR, her DD Form 214 for the period ending 1 July 2022
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2. The Board determined automatic promotion to sergeant first class (SFC)/E-7 was not warranted. However, further determined the applicant's records should be referred to a Standby Advisory Board for consideration.

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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. Army Regulation 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)) states the Army, by law, may pay claims for amounts due to applicants as a result of correction of military records. The ABCMR will furnish the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) copies of decisions potentially affecting monetary entitlement or benefits. The DFAS will treat such decisions as claims for payment by or on behalf of the applicant and settle claims on the basis of the corrected military record. The applicant's acceptance of a settlement fully satisfies the claim concerned.
2. Army Regulation 637-1 (Army Compensation and Entitlements Policy) provides Department of the Army (DA) policies for entitlements and collections of pay and allowances for active-duty Soldiers. It is used in conjunction with the Department of Defense (DoD) Financial Management Regulation (FMR), Volume 7A. For the purpose of this regulation, active duty is defined in accordance with Title 37, United States Code (37 USC). The term "active duty" means full-time duty in the active service of a uniformed service and includes full-time training duty, annual training duty, full-time National Guard duty, and attendance, while in the active service, at a school designated as a service school by law or by the Secretary of the Army (SECARMY).
3. Title 10 (Armed Forces), United States Code (USC), section 1552 (c)(1) states, the Secretary concerned may pay, from applicable current appropriations, a claim for the loss of pay, allowances, compensation, emoluments, or other pecuniary benefits, or for the repayment of a fine or forfeiture, if, as a result of correcting a record under this section, the amount is found to be due the claimant on account of his or another's service in the Army.
4. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) prescribes the transition processing function of the military personnel system. It provides principles of support, standards of service, policies, tasks, rules, and steps governing required actions in the field to support processing personnel for separation and preparation of separation documents. When a DD Form 214 has been prepared and distributed, and subsequently determined that it was prepared in error, the responsible transition center will void the DD Form 214 by memorandum. Distribute this memorandum to all addressees that received the erroneously prepared DD Form 214, advising them of the error and requesting the voided DD Form 214 be destroyed and removed from the Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR).
5. On 24 August 2021, the Secretary of Defense mandated that all service members receive the COVID-19 vaccine. The Secretary of Defense later rescinded the mandate on January 10, 2023. It states, "the vaccine mandate was an unfair, overbroad, and completely unnecessary burden on our service members. Further, the military unjustly discharged those who refused the vaccine, regardless of the years of service given to

our Nation, after failing to grant many of them an exemption that they should have received. Federal Government redress of any wrongful dismissals is overdue”.

6. On 27 January 2025, President Donald J. Trump signed Executive Order (EO) 14184, “Reinstating Service Members Discharged Under the Military's COVID-19 Vaccination Mandate.”

7. On 6 February 2025 the Secretary of Defense issued Memorandum, "Providing Remedies for Service Members and Veterans Negatively Impacted by the Department's Defunct Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Mandate Based Executive Order."

8. On 1 April 2025 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense issued a Memorandum for Secretaries of the Military Departments, “Updated Guidance on Correction of Military Records for Service Members Involuntarily Separated for Refusal to Comply with Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Requirements.” It provides:

a. As directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Department of Defense shall take all actions necessary to make reinstatement available to all members of the military (Active and Reserve Components) who were discharged solely for refusal to receive the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccine and who request to be reinstated. The Secretaries of the Military Departments will process reinstatements for individuals either involuntarily discharged or those who voluntary left the service or allowed their service to lapse, rather than be vaccinated under the vaccine mandate, consistent with this guidance.

b. In cases where the Service member was involuntarily separated, the Secretaries of the Military Departments will contact such Service members and make available to them reinstatement via the Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records (BCM/NRs) process. The BCM/NRs should exercise their broad discretion to order all appropriate retroactive corrections of the Service member's record as described in the guidance.

c. The BCM/NRs will give COVID-19 reinstatement cases priority consideration, subject to existing statutorily specified priority consideration for post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and military sexual trauma.

d. The BCM/NRs, using the attached guidance in the memorandum, will assess each case to determine if an error or injustice exists within the former Service member's record and order all appropriate records corrections, which may include but is not limited to reinstatement with no break in service, restoration of the member's previous grade or rank, and credit for lost service time due to separation.

9. On 7 May 2025 the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense issued a Memorandum for Secretaries of Military Departments, “Supplemental Guidance to the Military

Department Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Considering Requests from Service Members Adversely Impacted by Coronavirus Disease 2019 Vaccination Requirements.” It provides:

a. On January 27, 2025, the President issued reference (a), concerning the Department of Defense's since-rescinded coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination mandate, which was unlawful as implemented, and "an unfair, overbroad, and completely unnecessary burden" on Service members. The Secretary of Defense has taken decisive action to execute the President's guidance to correct this injustice:

(1) All former Service members discharged solely for refusing to receive the COVID-19 vaccine may pursue reinstatement in the military, and be considered for eligibility to receive backpay; and

(2) Former Service members who attest that they voluntarily left the military or allowed their service to lapse according to appropriate procedures due to the military's previous COVID-19 vaccination mandate may pursue a return to military service.

b. In addition, some Service members were separated with less than a fully honorable discharge characterization for their refusal to take a COVID-19 vaccine, depriving them of veterans' benefits. Other Service members, who remained in service and requested religious, administrative, or medical accommodations related to the COVID-19 vaccine requirement, may still have adverse information in their records connected to those requests.

c. To remedy these harms, on April 23, 2025, the Secretary of Defense directed the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness to issue additional guidance to the Military Department Review Boards concerning the review of requests from Service members and former Service members adversely impacted by the COVID-19 vaccine mandate. The following is directed:

(1) The Secretaries of Military Departments will, through their Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records, continue to apply guidance, which was issued to facilitate the reinstatement or return of eligible individuals who wish to continue their military service.

(2) Carefully consider claims by individuals who filed formal requests for administrative or medical accommodation, including requests for religious accommodation, related to the Department's previous COVID-19 vaccine mandate, yet continued to serve. Adverse actions in a Service member's records solely associated with their refusal to take a COVID-19 vaccination or seek an exemption from that COVID-19 vaccine mandate should be removed.

d. This guidance is not intended to interfere with or impede the BCM/NRs' statutory independence, nor does it limit the Boards from considering additional claims related to harms caused by the Department's previous COVID-19 vaccine mandate and providing appropriate remedies.

e. Discharge Upgrade Requests:

(1) Service members who were involuntarily separated solely for refusing to be vaccinated, did not receive the same treatment across the Department. While some Service members were assigned “honorable” discharge characterizations, others received “general (under honorable conditions)” characterization and as a result, lost access to important educational benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill and the Montgomery GI Bill, and potentially other veterans benefits.

(2) To correct this injustice and enhance uniformity across the Military services, the Review Boards should generally grant a discharge upgrade request from a former Service member when:

- The former Service member was involuntarily separated
- The separation was based solely on a refusal to receive the COVID-19 vaccine; and
- There are no aggravating factors in the Service member’s record, such as misconduct

(3) Review Boards should normally grant requests to upgrade the characterization of service to “honorable,” change the narrative reason for enlisted separation (i.e., to “Secretarial Authority”), and change the reentry code to an immediately-eligible-to-reenter code under these specific circumstances. Officer records should be changed to have similar effect.

(4) If an applicant’s military records reflect multiple reasons for involuntary separation (i.e., when separation was not solely due to the fact that the former Service member refused to receive the COVID-19 vaccine), the Review Boards should apply existing policies that require the former Service member to establish evidence of an error, impropriety, inequity, or injustice in their discharge in order to warrant relief.

f. Removal of Adverse Actions and Information Solely Associated with COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate:

(1) The Department’s COVID-19 vaccine mandate also caused harms that were not reflected on separation documents. For instance, some Service members received administrative letters of reprimand, negative or inconsistent evaluations, or withholding

of opportunities for Reserve Component personnel to perform inactive duty training for pay to achieve a “good year” for participation and retirement purposes.

(2) While previous guidance required the Secretaries of the Military Departments to update Service member personnel records to remove adverse actions solely associated with denials of requests for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine mandate on religious, administrative, or medical grounds, this relief should not have been limited to Service members who formally filed an exemption request. The inadequacy of the consideration afforded to those who submitted accommodation requests undermined the faith of many Service members, and they should not be penalized for deciding not to request an exemption that had little or no likelihood of success.

(3) To ensure that present and former Service members are not penalized for pursuing religious and other exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccine mandate in good faith, the BCM/NRs will carefully consider applications by individuals who request correction of records containing adverse information or reflecting adverse action solely associated with a request for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination mandate, or with appeals of denials of such requests. Additionally, any present or former Service member who attests that they would have filed a request for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccine mandate were it not for the Department’s very high rate of disapproval of such requests shall be evaluated as if they had requested, and been denied, such an exemption.

(4) If adverse information associated solely with a request for exemption from the COVID-19 vaccination mandate is found within an applicant’s official military personnel file, the BCM/NR should, as appropriate, exercise its broad discretion to assess the potential impact on the Service member’s career and correct impacted personnel records appropriately.

g. Other Harms or Injustices Suffered by Service Members Not Specifically Addressed in this Guidance:

(1) Present and former Service members may have suffered other harms from the COVID-19 vaccine mandate that are not specifically addressed in this guidance. Adverse action may include the overt withholding of favorable personnel actions, including such actions as removing individuals from approved lists to attend training or professional military education, to assume leadership positions, or to conduct a permanent change of station transfer on schedule.

(2) Many Service members may have been denied these opportunities while waiting for the adjudication of their administrative or medical exemption requests. Even more concerning, some have reported that they were pressured to voluntarily separate

from the military due to their COVID-19 vaccine status, even while awaiting adjudication of their exemptions.

(3) The BCMR/NRs should exercise broad discretion in providing appropriate corrections to the records of Service members and former Service members who suffered harms resulting from the Department's COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

10. Army Regulation 600-37 (Unfavorable Information), sets forth policies and procedures to ensure the best interests of both the Army and Soldiers are served by authorizing unfavorable information to be placed in, transferred within, or removed from an individual's AMHRR.

a. Paragraph 1-1 states, in relevant part, that the intent of Army Regulation 600-37 is to ensure that unfavorable information that is unsubstantiated, irrelevant, untimely, or incomplete is not filed in individual official personnel files; and, to ensure that the best interests of both the Army and the Soldiers are served by authorizing unfavorable information to be placed in and, when appropriate, removed from official personnel files.

b. Paragraph 1-4 stipulates that the objectives of Army Regulation 600-37 are to apply fair and just standards to all Soldiers; protect the rights of individual Soldiers and, at the same time, permit the Army to consider all available relevant information when choosing Soldiers for positions of leadership, trust, and responsibility; to prevent adverse personnel action based on unsubstantiated derogatory information or mistaken identity; to provide a means of correcting injustices if they occur; and, to ensure that Soldiers of poor moral character are not continued in Service or advanced to positions of leadership, trust, and responsibility.

11. Army Regulation 600-8-104 (Army Military Human Resource Records Management), in effect at the time, prescribes Army policy for the creation, utilization, administration, maintenance, and disposition of the AMHRR. The AMHRR includes, but is not limited to the OMPF, finance-related documents, and non-service related documents deemed necessary to store by the Army. Paragraph 3-6 (Authority for Filing or Removing Documents in the AMHRR Folders) provides that once a document is properly filed in the AMHRR, the document will not be removed from the record unless directed by the ABCMR or another authorized agency.

12. Army Regulation 600-8-10 (Leaves and Passes) prescribes the policies and mandated operating tasks for the leave and pass function of the Military Personnel System. It provides a single-source operating document to the field, and as such, is binding on all communities involved in granting leaves and passes. It applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Re-serve, unless otherwise stated.

a. Transition leave (formerly called terminal leave) is a chargeable leave granted together with transition from the Service, including retirement. The unit commander or designee is the approval authority for transition leave requests.

b. The leave and pass program is designed to allow Soldiers to use their authorized leave to the maximum extent possible.

c. Soldiers who do not take leave, may lose leave at the end of the fiscal year (FY). Also, Soldiers who maintain a 60-day leave balance, and wait late in the FY to take leave, will be informed that they risk loss of leave over 60 days if the operational situation requires their presence. Accrued leave that exceeds 60 days at the end of the fiscal year is lost except as authorized.

13. Army Regulation 600-8-19 (Enlisted Promotions and Demotions) prescribes enlisted promotion and demotion (previously known as reduction) functions. The Army's Enlisted Promotions System is designed to promote fully qualified Soldiers to satisfy authorized requirements, when they exist, ensuring the Army has an inventory of personnel who are best qualified to serve in Army formations. It provides for career progression and rank that are in line with potential and for recognition of the best qualified Soldier, which will attract and retain the highest caliber Soldier for a career in the Army. Additionally, the system precludes promoting Soldiers who are not productive or the best qualified, thus providing an equitable system for all Soldiers. The Army's enlisted promotion system will support a Select-Train-Educate-Promote concept to ensure appropriate training, education, and experience is complete before promotion to NCO ranks in order to best prepare them to fight and win in a complex world as adaptive and agile leaders and trusted professionals.

a. Select. Selection for promotion to a NCO rank is based on a Soldier's potential to serve at increasing levels of responsibility, stemming from a leader's (or board's) evaluation of a Soldier in his or her current rank. Soldiers are eligible to appear in front of a unit promotion board based on the recommendation of their chain of command or by virtue of meeting established eligibility criteria for consideration to senior NCO ranks by a Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA) NCO evaluation board. The chain of command takes into account the Soldier's mastery of their knowledge, skills, and attributes for their current grade.

b. Train and educate (develop). Training and education of our NCO ranks is vital to the readiness of our Army. Training and education produces adaptive leaders who thrive in a chaotic world by providing leaders with skills and knowledge needed to fight and win in a complex security environment. NCO development is a continuous and progressive process, spanning an entire career. Development comprises training, education, and experience gained in schools, while assigned to organizations, and through the individual's own program of self-development.

(1) Training. Through individual and collective training, NCOs achieve the tactical and technical competence that builds confidence and adaptability. They train daily on individual, leader, and collective tasks under challenging and realistic conditions allowing them to develop the ability to exercise mature judgment and initiative under stress. Training continues in deployed units to sustain skills and adapt to changes in operational environments. Training includes directed and mandatory training, common individual and leader tasks, warrior battle drills, unit mission essential task-list-based collective tasks, and MOS skills.

(2) Education. The Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System linked to promotion better prepares NCOs for the complexities of today's operational environment while reinforcing the benefits of a deliberate, continuous, sequential, and progressive professional development strategy.

c. Promote. Once Soldiers are fully trained and educated, meet all prerequisites for promotion pin-on and are established as fully qualified for promotion to the next rank, they are promoted in support of satisfying Army requirements, when they exist, to enable manning Army formations. These Soldiers display a progression of competencies and attributes in the following general learning outcomes:

- The Army profession
- Professional competence
- Team building
- Adaptability
- Lifelong learning
- Comprehensive fitness

d. Centralized promotions (Sergeant First Class (SFC), Master Sergeant (MSG), Sergeant Major (SGM)). Regular Army Soldiers, upon attainment of established eligibility criteria, are evaluated by an annual NCO Evaluation Board for placement onto an order of merit list (OML); qualifying them (or not) for potential promotion pin-on to the ranks of SFC through SGM. The Army utilizes the OML to select best-qualified Soldiers, by-name, who meet all established promotion pin-on eligibility requirements, for promotion to a higher rank against valid requirements.

e. Effective date, grade entry date, and rank entry date. Grade entry date (GED) formerly known as the date of rank, the GED is the date the grade is changed for seniority purposes. This date will be cited on all promotion/lateral appointment/demotion orders. Rank entry date (RED) is the date the Soldier's rank is changed. This date will be cited on all promotion/lateral appointment/demotion orders. The ranks of SFC through SGM: the existing promotion authorities will enter the correct dates in the applicable roster, using the Remarks field to explain the specific reason for the delay. The member will then promote from the roster.

f. Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development System requirement for promotion. Development of our NCO corps is an essential element of our institutional success. Except for promotions completed under the provisions of paragraph 1 – 11, Soldiers (all components) must complete the following PME courses:

- Completion of Distributed Leader Course (DLC) 3 is an eligibility requirement for promotion consideration to SFC
- Graduation of Senior Leaders Course (SLC) is a promotion pin-on requirement to SFC

g. Soldiers must have 4 years active service for promotion to SFC, 8 years active service for MSG, and 10 years active service for SGM. Soldiers (SSG, SFC, MSG) must have a minimum of 12 months' time in grade (TIG) in order to be eligible for promotion pin-on.

h. Centralized Promotion (SFC through SGM). The time in service (TIS)/TIG promotion pin-on eligibility criteria will be established annually by HQDA (DMPM (DAPE-MPE-PD), DCS, G-1) and announced under separate cover.

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