

**DD Form 214 Issued upon Separation from the Reserve Component
Resolution No. 23-09 (7: Personnel Issues)**

WHEREAS, all uniform service members separating from Title 10 active duty, officers and enlisted, regular or reserve, receive a DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty); and

WHEREAS, National Guard members receive an NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service) after each enlistment contract; and

WHEREAS, active duty enlisted members in DoD military departments receive a DD Form 214 after each enlistment contract, but officers do not receive an equivalent career milestone 214; and

WHEREAS, to receive benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs requires a DD Form 214, or PHS Form 1867 (Statement of Service – Verification of Status of Commissioned Officers of the U.S. Public Health Service) or NOAA Form 56-16 (Report of Transfer or Discharge), or AHRC Form 1569 (Transcript of Military Record or Service verification letter); and

WHEREAS, according to VA Pamphlet 26-7, “There is no one form used by the Reserves or National Guard that is similar to a DD Form 214,” that meets “Proof of Service Requirements” (Chapter 2); and

WHEREAS, each state’s Department of Veterans Affairs, or otherwise named agency supporting veterans’ affairs, requires a DD Form 214 or one of the other forms set forth above as supporting documentation for state veteran’s benefit eligibility determinations; and

WHEREAS, thanks to ROA’s advocacy, members of the Reserve and National Guard are expected to receive the new DD Form 214-1 when they retire or separate from service by 2025, as opposed to the NGB 22 or NAVPERS 1070/615;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association, d.b.a. Reserve Organization of America, urges Congress to direct that all members in the reserve component, including those transferring into the “Gray Zone”, will receive a DD Form 214-1 in the same manner as active duty;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ROA urges Congress to provide said form retroactively upon request by the servicemember, family or legally recognized entity.

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