

RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

DD Form 214 Issued upon Separation from the Reserve Component Resolution No. 17-04

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, enlisted members in DoD military departments receive a DD Form 214 after each enlistment contract, but officers do not; 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,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to direct that all members retiring from any reserve component, including those transferring into the “Gray Zone”, will receive a DD Form 214; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to provide said DD Form 214 retroactively upon request by the Reserve Component servicemember, family or legally recognized entity.

Adopted by the National Convention, 23 July 2017

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