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The Army Review Boards Agency:

Acts for the Secretary of the Army
- Corrects Errors and Injustices
- Considers Requests for Discharge Upgrades
- Adjudicates Officer Misconduct/Performance Cases
- Renders Grade Determinations
- Determines Clemency and Parole
- Processes Disability Issues
- Determines Conscientious Objector Status
- Makes Adverse Information Filing Determinations
- Provides Corrections Oversight
ARMY REVIEW BOARDS AGENCY

Decides cases for the Secretary of the Army 29,331
- Army Board for Correction of Military Records 22,436
- Military Review Boards:
  - Army Discharge Review Board 4,489
  - Army Active Duty Board (OTRA Officers) 0
  - Army Board of Review for Eliminations 45
  - Army Grade Determination Review Board 305
  - Ad Hoc Board 166
  - Interment, Inurnment & Memorialization Review Board 0
  - Army Physical Disability Appeal Board 0
  - Army Physical Disability Review Board 405
  - Army Disability Rating Review Board 1
  - DA Conscientious Objector Review Board 31
  - DA Suitability Evaluation Board 478
  - Officer Special Review Board 132
  - Enlisted Special Review Board 173
  - Army Clemency and Parole Board 671

Cases processed in FY11.

Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)

The highest administrative board in the Army established by Title 10 U.S. Code section 1552 and governed by AR 15-185.

- Corrects errors
- Removes injustices from any military record

Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR)

Awards
Separations
Promotions
Retirements
Disabilities
Evaluation Reports
Pay and Allowances
Survivor Benefit Plans
Homes of Record
Clemency Petitions
Memoranda of Reprimand
ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS (ABCMR)

- Applicant must first exhaust other appeals
- Application (DD 149) reviewed by full time staff
- Statement of facts and staff recommendation prepared for Board action
- Board of civilians recommends action
  - Regular Board 3 members
  - Formal Board 5 members
- Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army has final decision

MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

ARMY DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARD (ADRB)

- Reviews the propriety and equity of discharges given to former soldiers
- Established by Title 10 U.S. Code section 1553 and governed by DoD 1332.28 and AR 15-180
- Does not include GCM discharges
- Applicant submits request via DD 293
- 15 year statute of limitations
- Board consists of five members
- Personal appearances authorized
- Decisional document provided to applicant
- Applicant may appeal to the ABCMR

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY ACTIVE DUTY BOARD (DAADB)

- Reviews OTRA officers being recommended for release from active duty for misconduct or performance
- Established by AR 600-8-24
- Action initiated by HRC, CNGB, CAR, TJAG, CCH, or CDR
- Review limited to official file
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of three colonels - one must be USAR
MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

ARMY BOARD OF REVIEW FOR ELIMINATIONS (BOR)

• Reviews records of officers who have been recommended for elimination by Boards of Inquiry (BOI) in the field
• Established by AR 600-8-24
• Elimination may be for substandard performance, misconduct, dereliction, or national security
• Review limited to records and briefs - no personal appearances
• Board consists of at least one COL or above and two LTC or above (all must be senior to respondent)

MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

AD HOC BOARD

• Reviews any case referred to it by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Review Boards)
• Normally reviews officer resignations for the good of the service, resignations/discharges in lieu of elimination, and probationary officer elimination cases
• Also recommends characterization of service
• Recoupment

MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

ARMY GRADE DETERMINATION REVIEW BOARD

• Determines highest grade served satisfactorily
• Established by AR 15-80 pursuant to Title 10 U.S. Code
• Enlisted soldiers/warrant officers can be advanced after having served 30 years on active & retired lists
• Exceptions determined at time of separation – (1) separated for disability or (2) Regular retirement from active duty or full time NG duty of Reserve enlisted after 9/30/96 reduced not as a result of misconduct
• Officer grade (above CW5) determined at time of retirement
### Interment, Inurnment, and Memorialization Review Board (IIMRB)

- **Board of 5 Senior Civilian or Military Members**

  - Recommends whether the Secretary of the Army should deny interment, inurnment, or memorialization at (primarily) Arlington National Cemetery to certain Veterans who may have committed a capital crime as defined by 38 USC 2411.
  - Hearings will usually involve personal appearances by one or more of the deceased's relatives.

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### MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

#### ARMY PHYSICAL DISABILITY APPEAL BOARD (APDAB)

- Adjudicates disability ratings given by PDA
- Established by AR 635-40
- Reviews cases referred from the Physical Disability Agency on active duty soldiers in the disability pipeline
- Board consists of three members - one is MC
- Records review only

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#### ARMY PHYSICAL DISABILITY REVIEW BOARD (APDRB)

- Reviews claims by servicemembers retired or released from active duty without pay for physical disability
- Established by Title 10 U.S. Code Section 1554
- Applicant must request a review within 15 years after date of retirement or separation
- Statute mandates that Board membership consist of at least two physicians
- Renders final administrative decisions on behalf of the Secretary of the Army
MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

ARMY DISABILITY RATING REVIEW BOARD (ADRRB)
- Hears petitions from retired personnel for relief pertaining to percentage ratings for physical disability
- Established by AR 635-40
- Must have been retired less than five years, otherwise ABCMR hears
- Does not apply to TDRL
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of three officers - one is MC

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MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY SUITABILITY EVALUATION BOARD (DASEB)
- Hears appeals of filings in the Official Military Personnel File Removal or Transfer to restricted section
- Approves filing of adverse information in OMPF
- Governed by AR 600-37
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of three members (one enlisted for enlisted cases)

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MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

OFFICER SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD (OSRB) AND ENLISTED SPECIAL REVIEW BOARD (ESRB)
- Hear appeals of evaluation reports
- Decide promotion reconsideration requests
- Governed by AR 623-3
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of three members with at least one enlisted for ESRB

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MILITARY REVIEW BOARDS

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR REVIEW BOARD (DACORB)

- Reviews applications for noncombatant conscientious objector status (1-A-0) approved by GCMCA for compliance
- Decides applications for noncombatant conscientious objector status recommended for disapproval by GCMCA
- Decides conscientious objector (1-0) applications requesting discharge
- Governed by AR 600-43
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of four officers and 1 civilian

AIR FORCE BOARD

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BOARD

- Takes final action on behalf of SAF or recommends action
- Established by AFI 36-2023
- Actions initiated by wing commanders, GCMCA, or higher
- Review limited to official file
- No personal appearances
- Board consists of three members senior in grade, (USAFR member is required when respondent is member of Reserve component.)

AIR FORCE BOARD

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BOARD

- Reviews actions normally reviewed by several different ARBA Boards, including
  - Army Active Duty Board
  - Army Grade Determination Review Board
  - Ad Hoc Board
  - Army Board for Review of Eliminations
  - Army Physical Disability Appeal Board
  - Department of the Army Conscientious Objector Board
- Purview of the Air Force Personnel Board - consider cases or request (this is only a partial list):
  - By an officer to retire, resign, be released, or separated from active duty
  - USAFR officer to continue or end active duty or active status
**AIR FORCE BOARD**

**AIR FORCE PERSONNEL BOARD**

- Retirement or separation due to physical disability
- Conscientious objector
- Establishes highest grade satisfactory held
- Probationary officer elimination cases, resignations in lieu of court-martial, resignation/discharges in lieu of elimination
- Involuntary administrative discharge of USAFR
- Retirement in lieu of demotion, separation of enlisted for the convenience of the government

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**NAVY/MARINE CORPS PROCESS**

**NAVY / MARINE CORPS**

- **NO regulatory Review Boards for SECNAV (ASN(M&RA) except for flag and general officers.** Do have statutory boards.
- **Streamlined Process - SECNAVINST 1920.6C**
  - Probationary officer (< 6 yrs. active comm. service)
  - Notification procedures
  - Show Cause Authority (SCA) (Chief Naval Personnel or Dep. Chief Staff (M&RA), Marine Corps) recommends (separation, character of service and grade determination)
  - SECNAV (review of file by line officer or JAG)

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**NAVY/MARINE CORPS PROCESS**

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- Non-probationary officer (>6 yrs. active comm. service)
- SCA review file and directs Board of Inquiry (BOI)
- BOI - formal hearing; recommends on separation, characterization of service, grade determination
- SCA - reviews and makes recommendations
- SECNAV (review of file by line officer or JAG)
- **No Active Duty Board**
  - Only Regular or Reserve officers released from AD for unsatisfactory performance with Honorable discharge considered for Reserve duty
**NAVY/MARINE CORPS PROCESS**

- **NAVY / MARINE CORPS**
  - **No Grade Determination Review Board**
  - SECNAV makes determination of highest grade in which an officer served satisfactorily
  - All voluntary retirement requests by O-5s and O-6s screened for misconduct occurring within the last 2 years
  - Enlisted soldiers/warrant officers determination made at transfer to the retired list
  - **No Board of Review for Eliminations (10 USC 1183 repealed)**
  - **No Ad Hoc Boards**
  - **Physical Disability Separations UP SECNAVINST 1850.4E**
  - **Advisory Boards v. Streamlined process: Value added?**

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**The Army Review Boards Agency**

  - ARBA news and the complete agency briefing
  - Overview of issues reviewed by ARBA boards
  - Application procedures, blank forms, and relevant publications
  - Frequently asked questions
  - Links to government officials, veterans service organizations, the DOD Electronic Reading Room

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**ACTS Online Application:** [http://actsonline.army.mil](http://actsonline.army.mil)

- Apply electronically:
  - DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record
  - DD Form 293, Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States
  - State-of-the-art electronic online application
  - Expedites requests for changes to military records
  - Complies with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act
  - Check status of electronic requests using the Internet
  - Guides applicants through the process
  - Provides additional help not available on the printed form
  - Signature page is printed at the time of application completion
  - Must be signed and mailed to the address listed on the signature page
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