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DD 214, CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

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References	(a) BUPERSINST 1900.8A
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1. **Policy.** The DD 214 is prescribed by Department of Defense for use by all military services. DD 214 is a brief, clear-cut record of a period or term of active military service which provides:

a. military service with information necessary for administrative processing and for enlistment or reenlistment determination.

b. the service member with a brief record of active service.

c. appropriate governmental agencies with an authoritative source of information which they require in the administration of Federal and state laws.

2. **Preparation and Distribution.** DD 214 shall be prepared and distributed per this manual and reference (a).