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DD 214 CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

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References	(a) BUPERSINST 1900.8E
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1. **Policy.** The DD 214 Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty 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 Services 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 will be prepared and distributed per this manual and reference (a).