#### Air Force Personnel Center



### DD Form 214 Instructions

- Retirements
- Separations

Briefer's Duty Title

Briefer's Name





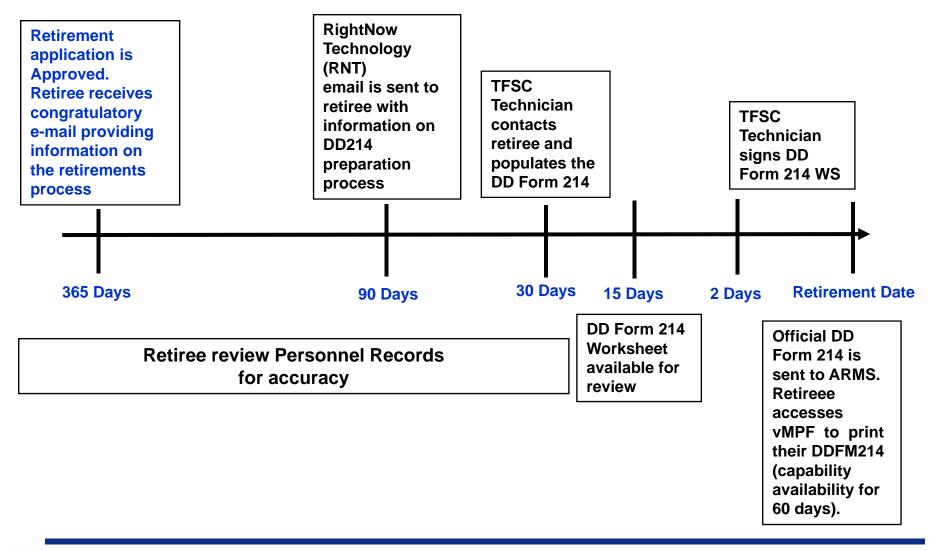
#### **Overview**

- Retirements Process
- Separations Process
- vMPF Screen Shots
- Commonly Misunderstood Items
- Frequently Asked Questions





### DD Form 214 Retirement Preparation Process







#### **Retirements Process Timeline**

- 365-days (Approx) prior to Retirement Date
  - Applications are submitted (through vMPF)
- 345-days (Approx) retirement application is approved
  - Member receives a Congratulatory Auto Response via email
- Between retirement approval and 90 days prior
  - Member reviews personnel records for accuracy and corrections
- 90-days prior to Retirement Date
  - RNT Automated e-mail reminder is sent from AFPC to members, which describes the DD214 completion process
  - Secures a remote vMPF USERID/password from A1 Service Desk
- 30-days prior to Retirement Date
  - Retirees receives an email outlining the DD Form 214 completion process





#### **Retirements Process Timeline**

- Between 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> day prior to retirement date:
  - Technician sends the DD Form 214WS to retiree for review via vMPF
  - Retiree reviews the worksheet and:
    - Identifies incorrect or missing information
    - Submits corrections via vMPF and provides source documentation via Org Box
    - NOTE: Most changes require verification in system of record (i.e. MILPDS, Source Documents in ARMS)
    - Member approves DD214WS
- 1 day prior to Retirement Date
  - Technician signs and finalizes the DD Form 214
  - DD Form 214 is made available for retiree to print via vMPF



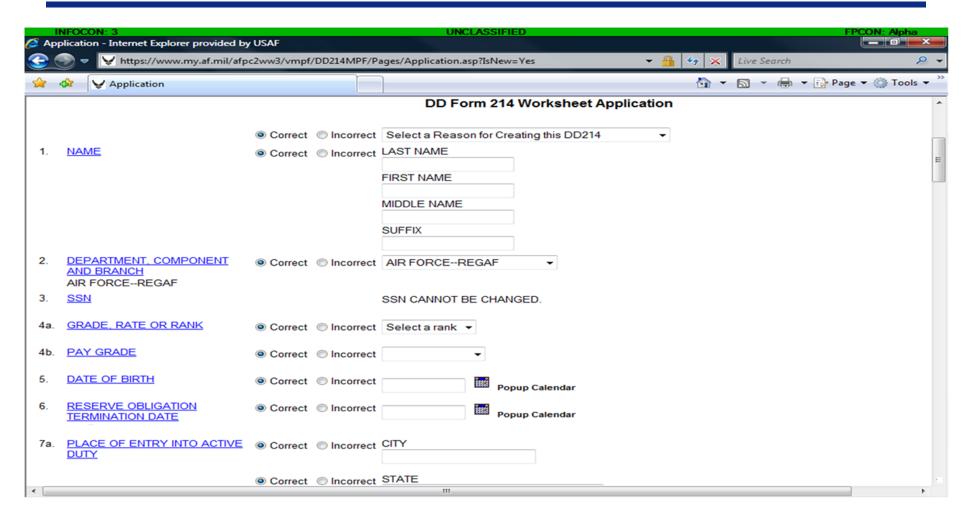


### **Separations Process Timeline**

- 30 60 days prior to separation date Member will complete DD214WS via vMPF
  - Member works thru MPS to update any missing/incorrect data (needs to be updated into MILPDS before submitting DD214WS)
  - Member will review and submit worksheet via vMPF
  - TFSC-SA receives DD214WS submission and holds until actual DOS
- Separation Date DD Form 214 is finalized and available for member to print via vMPF

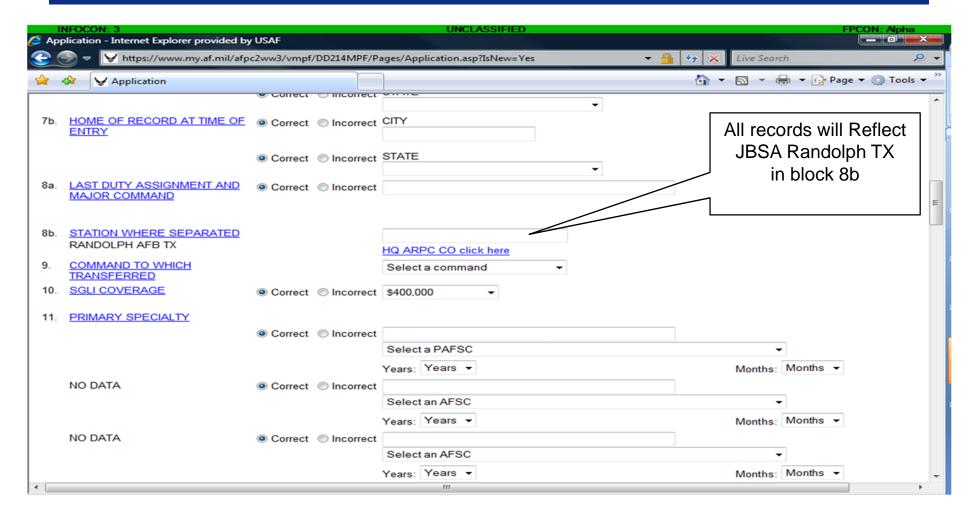












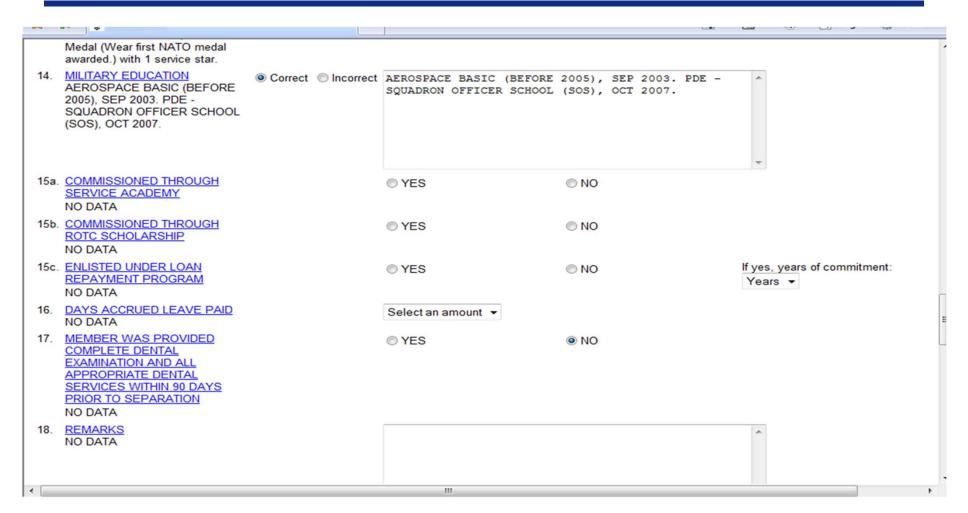






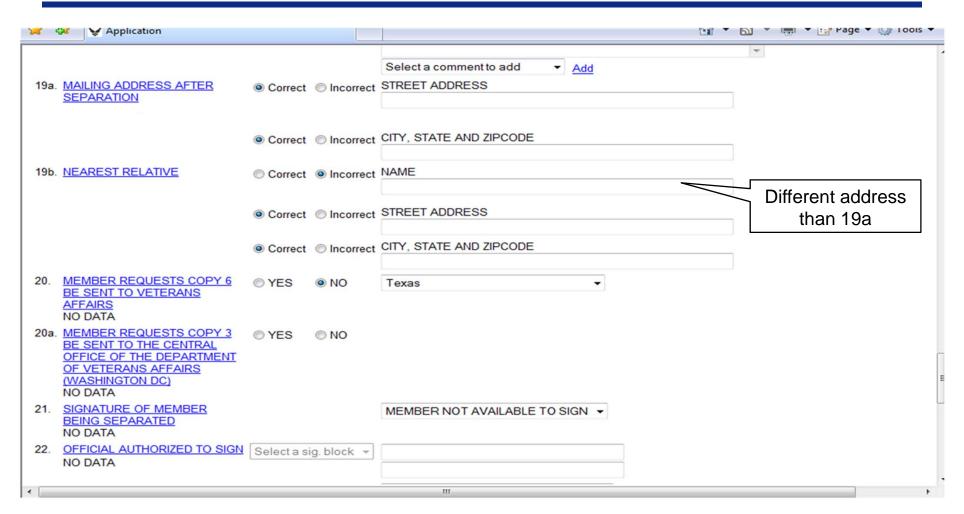






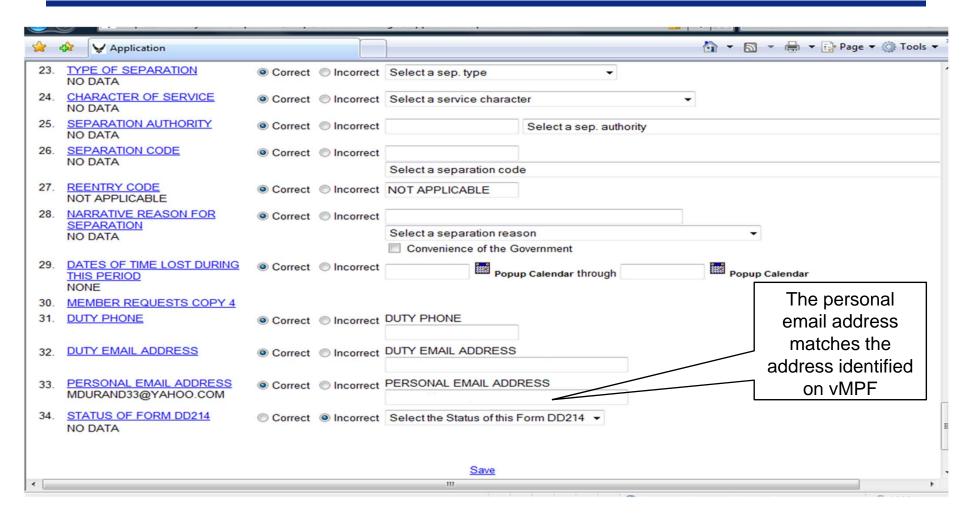
















### Commonly Misunderstood Items

- Block 7a: Place of entry will match entry on the member's EAD orders or MEPS station for enlisted
  - NOTE: Officers graduating from OTS will show Maxwell AFB (AFI 36-3202)
- Block 8b: All DD Forms 214 will reflect JBSA Randolph TX as location where separation document is prepared
- Block 11: Records will show primary and all additional AFSCs held for 1 year or longer (prefix/suffix not used)
  - NOTE: No reporting identifiers will be included in the form
- Block 12d: This block will reflect all periods of active duty
  - Source Documents: Previous 214s and Retirement Orders
- Block 12h: Will reflect start date of 214





### Commonly Misunderstood Items

- Block 13: Retirement medals will be included on official DD Form 214
  - This decoration will not show on the DD Form 214 Worksheet
  - Operations Locations cannot be identified on the form
    - The following statement could be included on block 18: "Member deployed in support of Operation X"; provide your DD214 technician source documents
- Block 14: Formal Training, PME and Courses with Personnel Data Systems (PDS) number
- Block 21: Will read "Member not available for signature"





### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- How can I access vMPF when I am on terminal leave?
  - Member creates a User ID/Password using the link below prior to beginning terminal leave
    - <a href="http://dodpki.c3pki.chamb.disa.mil/rootca.html">http://dodpki.c3pki.chamb.disa.mil/rootca.html</a>
- Why does Block 8b show JBSA Randolph TX as Station where Separated, I am not stationed there?
  - This block identifies the location where the separation documents are prepared
- Can you add my retirement medal before it has been updated in MILPDS?
  - No, the close out date is usually a future date and cannot be validated by MILPDS until it becomes effective.





### **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Why aren't all of my training courses showing on my DD214?
  - AFI 36-3202, Table 4, Rule 14, establish PME and formal in-service training courses are listed on the DD214.
  - Exception: Training courses with PDS codes can be listed if requested by member
- How do you calculate my Primary Specialty time?
  - AFSCs held for a period of 1 year or longer are recorded
  - Member must have performed duties in the AFSC
  - Reflected dates will match the member's duty history in MILPDS
- Where is my prior service time identified/calculated?
  - Located in block 12e
  - Calculated based on service dates on retirement orders
- Why aren't my foreign service dates correct?
  - Foreign Service dates will match member's duty history in MILPDS





#### **Take Aways**

- The DD214 is only as accurate as the data in the personnel systems Make sure your information is updated
- Obtain a USERID/Password on AFPC Secure homepage page or via link below prior to terminal leave so that you can access vMPF without a CAC
  - https://w20.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afpcsecurenet20/PKI/PKI/Createld.aspx
- Additional information can be obtained on the AFPERS website <a href="https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/landing">https://gum-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/landing</a> or by e-mailing the Total Force Service Center at dps.ddfm@us.af.mil



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