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Introduction to Spin Codes

Even on an Honorable discharge, a "Spin Code" (SPN - Separation Program Number) can hurt a veteran's chance of being hired by a prospective employer. These spin codes were put on DD 214 (discharge papers) from the 1940's through the early 1970's. Veterans can request a new DD 214 with the spin codes removed.

Examples of a few spin codes:

SPN 258 - Unfitness, multiple reasons

SPN 263 - Bedwetter

SPN 41A - Apathy, lack of interest

SPN 41E - Obesity

SPN 46C - Apathy / Obesity

SPN 463 - Paranoid personality

(see longer list of spin codes below)

If you were in the US Army, written requests for having a SPN code removed from your DD 214 (Report of Separation From Active Duty) or earlier discharge papers, should be sent to:

Commander
Reserve Components Personnel
& Administrative Center
Box 12479
Ollivette Branch
St. Louis, MO 63132