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Military Separation Codes

(Separation Program Numbers) Numeric Codes

These codes are contained in your military records and may be annotated on various military separation documents. These codes are subject to change, and the Department of Defense will no longer allow the military services to release the meanings of these codes to the general public. The below definitions were obtained before this prohibition went into effect.

- 201 Enlisted Personnel Expiration of term of service (includes personnel on ADT as initial trainees).
- 21L Enlisted Personnel Separation for good & sufficient reason when determined by secretarial authority.
- 21T Enlisted Personnel Release of REP 63 trainees due to emergency conditions. (Does not apply to active duty.)
- 21U Separation for failure to demonstrate adequate potential for promotion.
- 202 Expiration of term of enlistment.
- 203 Expiration of term of active obligation service
- 205 Release from active & transferred to reserve.
- 209 Release from Active Duty within 3 mos of expiration of USN service.
- 212 Honorable wartime service subsequent to desertion.
- 213 Discharge for retirement as an officer.
- 214 To accept commission as an officer in the Army, or to accept recall to active duty as an Army Reserve officer
- 215 To accept appointment as warrant officer in the Army or to accept recall to active duty as Army Reserve warrant officer.
- 217 To accept commission or appointment in the Armed Forces of the United States (other than Army).
- 219 Erroneous induction.
- 220 Marriage, female only.
- 221 Pregnancy.
- 222 Parenthood
- 225 Minority.

- 226 Dependency.
- 227 Hardship.
- 230 Retirement after 20 years but less than 30 years active federal service
- 231 Retirement after 30 years active federal service.
- 238 Service retirement in lieu of other administrative action.
- 239 Surviving family members
- 240 Unconditional resignation of enlisted personnel serving on unspecified enlistment
- 241 Resignation of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment in lieu of resignation for misconduct or ineffi ciency.
- 242 Resignation of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment for the good of the service.
- 243 Resignation of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment in lieu of board of action when based on unfitness.
- 241 Resignation of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment in lieu of board action when based on unsuitability.
- 245 Resignation of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment in lieu of separation for disloyalty or subversion.
- 246 Discharge for the good of the service.
- 247 Unsuitability, multiple reasons.
- 248 Unsuitability.
- 251 Punitive discharge. Class I homosexual general court martial
- 252 Punitive discharge. Class I homosexual general court martial
- 253 Homosexual board action
- 255 Punitive discharge. Class II homosexual general court martial
- 256 Homosexual, acceptance of discharge in liey of board action
- 257 Unfitness, homosexual acts
- 258 Unfitness, ineptitude
- 258 Unfitness, multiple reasons
- 260 Unsuitability, ineptitude
- 261 Psychiatric or psychoneurotic disorder.
- 262 Behavioral disorder, Bedwetter
- 263 Bedwetter
- 264 Unsuitability, character and behavioral disorders
- 265 Unsuitability, character disorder
- 270 Placed on temporary disability retired list
- 271 ermanently retired by reason of physical disability

- 273 Physical disability with entitlement to receive severance pay.
- 274 Physical disability resulting from international misconduct or willful neglect or incurred during period of unauthorized absence. Not entitled to severance pay.
- 276 Released from EAD & revert to retired list prior to ETS.
- 277 Physical disability, EPTS, established by medical board. Discharged by reason of physical disability upon application by individual. Not entitled to severance pay.
- 278 Physical disability, EPTS, established by physical evaluation board proceedings. Not entitled to severance pay
- 279 Release from EAD & revert to retired list at ETS
- 28B Unfitness, frequent involvement in incidents of a discreditable nature with civil or military authorities.
- 28G Unfitness, an established pattern for showing dishonorable failure to contribute adequate support to dependents or failure to comply with order, decrees, or judgment of a civil court concerning support of dependents
- 280 Misconduct/fraudulent entry into the Army.
- 282 Misconduct/prolonged unauthorized absence for more than 1 year desertion.
- 283 Misconduct/AWOL trial waived or deemed inadvisable.
- 284 Misconduct/convicted or adjudged a juvenile offender by a civil court during current term of active military service.
- 285 Initially adjudged a juvenile offender by a civil court during current term of active military service. Rescinded.
- 290 Desertion (court martial).
- 293 Other than desertion (court martial).
- 293 General court martial.
- 294 Special court martial.
- 311 Alien without legal residence in the United States.
- 312 Separation of members of Reserve components on active duty who, due to age, would be precluded from attaining eligibility pay as provided by 10 USC 1331.1337.

- 313 To immediately enlist or reenlist
- 314 Importance to national health, safety or interest
- 316 Release, lack of jurisdiction.
- 318 Conscientious objection.
- 319 Erroneous enlistment
- 320 To accept employment law enforcement agency.
- 333 Discharge of Cuban volunteers upon completion of specified training. Rescinded.
- 344 Release of Cuban volunteers upon completion of specified training. Rescinded.
- 367 Aggressive reaction.
- 370 Released from EAD by reason of physical disability & revert to inactive status for the purpose of retirement under Title 10. USC Sections 1331 1337, in lieu of discharge with entitlement to receive severance pay.
- 375 Discharge because of not meeting medical fitness standards at time of enlistment
- 376 Release from military Control (void Inductions) because of not meeting medical fitness standards at time of induction.
- 351 Desertion/trial deemed inadvisable (Spanish American War/ WWII>. Rescinded.
- 377 Non fulfillment of enlistment commitment.
- 380 Desertion/trial barred by 10 USC Section 834 (Art 34 UCMJ). Rescinded.
- 383 Criminalism.
- 38A Desertion/trial deemed inadvisable (WW2) Rescinded.
- 38B Desertion/trial deemed inadvisable (peacetime desertion) Rescinded.
- 38C Desertion/trial deemed inadvisable (Korean War). Rescinded
- 41A Apathy, lack of interest
- 41C To accept a teaching position.
- 41D Discharge of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment who completed 20 years active federal service, do not submit application for retirement: commander determines discharge will be in best interest of the government
- 41E Obesity.
- 411 Early separation of overseas returnee
- 412 Enlisted members of medical holding detachments or units who, upon completion of hospitalization, do not intend to immediately enlist or reenlistment in the regular Army
- 413 To enter or return to college, university, or equivalent institution.
- 414 To accept or return to employment of a seasonal nature

- 415 Early release of inductees who have served on active duty prior their present tour of duty
- 416 Physical disqualification for duty in MOS
- 418 Discharge of enlisted personnel bn unspecified enlistment who complete 30 years active federal service & do not submit application for retirement.
- 419 Discharge of enlisted personnel on unspecified enlistment over 55 years of rage who have completed 20 years active federal service & do not submit application for retirement
- 420 Discharge or release of individuals with less than 3 months remaining to serve who fail to continue as students (academic failure) at service academies.
- 421 Early release at Christmas will be issued as appropriate by Army & has been Included in separation edit table. Rescinded.
- 422 Early release at original ETS of enlisted personnel who have executed a voluntary extension. Rescinded.
- 420 Discharge for failure to complete Officer Candidate. School
- 423 Early release after original ETS of personnel serving on voluntary extension. Rescinded.
- 424 Separation at ETS after completing a period of voluntary extension. Rescinded
- 425 Discharge (Inductees) to enlist ar Warrant Officer Flight Training.
- 426 Discharge (inductees) to enlist to attend critical MOS school.
- 427 Discharge (inductees) to enlist for Officer Candidate School.
- 429 Discharged because of not meeting medical fitness standards for Flight training.
- 430 Early separation of personnel denied reenlistment under Qualitative Management Program.
- 431 Reduction in authorized strength.
- 432 Early release to serve 1 year in an ARNG or USAR unit
- 433 Involuntary release of personnel on compassionate assignment
- 434 Early release of AUS & first team RA Personnel phase down release programs (Early out from V'nam.)
- 436 Reduction In strength a USASA option/First Team.

- 437 AUS, RA First Team, exempted from 90 day suspension of Early Release Program for reasons for intolerable personal problems.
- 440 Separation for concealment of serious arrest record.
- 46A Unsuitability, apathy, defective attitudes & inability to extend effort constructively 46B Sexual deviate
- 460 Emotional instability reaction.
- 461 Inadequate personality
- 463 Paranoid personality
- 464 Schizoid personality
- 469 Unsuitability.
- 46C Apathy/obesity
- 480 Personality disorder.
- 482 Desertion/trial barred by 10, USC, Sec. 843 (Art 43 UCMJ) Rescinded.
- 488 Unsuitability (general discharge separation).
- 489 Military Personnel Security Program (disloyal or subversive)
- 500 Resignation hardship.
- 501 Resignation national health, safety, or interest
- 502 Resignation completion of required service.
- 503 Resignation enlistment in the regular Army regular officer.
- 504 Resignation withdrawal of ecclesiastical endorsement
- 505 Resignation serving under a suspended sentence or dismissal.
- 508 Resignation to attend school.
- 510 Resignation Interest of national security (in lieu of elimination).
- 51B Resignation In lieu of elimination because of unfitness or unacceptable conduct
- 522 Resignation in lieu of elimination because of conduct triable by court martial or in lieu thereof.
- 524 Resignation unqualified other miscellaneous reasons
- 528 Resignation marriage.
- 529 Resignation pregnancy.
- 530 Resignation parenthood (minor children)
- 536 Voluntary discharge substandard performance of duty.
- 539 Voluntary discharge termination of RA or AUS warrant to retire commissioned status
- 545 Voluntary discharge failure of selection for permanent promotion (commissioned officers)

- 546 Involuntary discharge a failure of selection for permanent promotion (warrant officer).
- 550 Involuntary discharge reasons as specified by HDQA
- 551 Involuntary discharge administrative discharge GCM
- 554 Dismissal General court martial.
- 555 Involuntary discharge failure to complete basic, Company officer ar associate company officer course USAR officers.
- 556 Failure to complete basic, company officer or associate company officer course ARNGUS officers.
- 558 Voluntary discharge conscientious objection.
- 586 Involuntary discharge for reasons involving board action or in lieu thereof (homosexuality),
- 588 Involuntary discharge reasons involving board action, or in lieu thereof unfitness or unacceptable conduct
- 589 Voluntary discharge reasons involving board action or in lieu thereof, due to substandard performance of duty.
- 590 Involuntary discharge interest of national security.
- 595 Involuntary discharge pregnancy
- 596 Involuntary discharge parenthood (minor children).
- 597 Voluntary discharge administrative
- 599 Voluntary REFRAD lack of jurisdiction.
- 600 Voluntary REFRAD to enlist an regular Army.
- 601 Voluntary REFRAD to enlist in regular Army for purpose of retirement
- 602 Voluntary REFRAD national health, safety, or interest
- 603 Involuntary REFRAD due to disapproval of request for extension of service.
- 604 Voluntary REFRAD hardship
- 606 Voluntary REFRAD dual status officer to revert to regular Warrant Officer
- 609 Voluntary REFRAD to attend school or accept a teaching position.
- 610 Voluntary REFRAD marriage.
- 611 Voluntary REFRAD expiration of the duty commitment voluntarily serving on active duty.
- 612 Voluntary REFRAD expiration active duty commitment involuntary serving on active duty.

- 616 Voluntary REFRAD selection for entrance to a service academy.
- 618 Voluntary REFRAD In lieu of serving in lower grade than reserve grade.
- 619 Voluntary REFRAD by request includes MC & DC officers
- 620 Voluntary REFRAD interde part mental transfer of other than medical officers
- 621 Voluntary REFRAD in lieu of unqualified resignation.
- 623 Voluntary REFRAD interdepartmental transfer of medical officers
- 624 Voluntary REFRAD release from ADT to enter on 24 months active duty.
- 625 Voluntary REFRAD annual screening, voluntary release prior to 90th day subsequent to receipt of notifi cation.
- 627 Involuntary REFRAD maximum age.
- 631 Involuntary REFRAD failure of selector for permanent reserve promotion (discharged).
- 632 Involuntary REFRAD failure of selection for permanent reserve promotion (commission retained).
- 633 Involuntary REFRAD failures of selection for promotion, temporary
- 640 Involuntary REFRAD commissioned officer under sentence of dismissal & warrant officer discharge awaiting appellate review.
- 644 Voluntary & Involuntary REFRAD convenience of government or as specified by Secretary of the Army
- 645 Involuntary REFRAD annual screening, release on 90th day subsequent to receipt of notification.
- 646 Involuntary REFRAD maximum service, warrant officers.
- 647 Involuntary REFRAD maximum service, commissioned officers
- 648 Involuntary REFRAD completion of prescribed years of service.
- 649 Involuntary REFRAD withdrawal of ecclesiastical endorsement
- 650 Involuntary REFRAD physically disqualified upon order to active duty.
- 651 Involuntary REFRAD release of reserve unit & return to reserve status.
- 652 Involuntary REFRAD a release of unit of NG or NG(US) & return to state control.
- 655 Involuntary REFRAD revert to retired list, not by reason of physical disability
- 657 Involuntary REFRAD physical disability. Revert to inactive status for purpose of retirement under Chapter 67. 10 USC in lieu of discharge with entitlement to receive disability severance pay.

- 660 Physical disability discharge entitlement to severance pay.
- 661 Physical disability discharge disability resulting from intentional misconduct or willful neglect or incurred during a period of unauthorized absence. Not entitled to receive disability severance pay.
- 662 Physical disability discharge EPTS, established by physical evaluation board. Not entitled to disability severance pay.
- 668 Dropped from rolls AWOL conviction & confinement by civil authorities.
- 669 Dropped from rolls AWOL desertion.
- 672 Involuntary REFRAD medical service personnel who receive unfavorable background investigation and/or National Agency Check
- 681 Voluntary REFRAD to accept employment with a legally established law enforcement agency
- 685 Resignation failure to meet medical fitness standards at time of appointment
- 686 Involuntary discharge failure to resign under Chapter 16 AR 535 120. when determined to be in the best interest of the government and the individual
- 689 Voluntary REFRAD reduction in strength, voluntary release prior to 90th day subsequent to receipt of notification
- 690 Involuntary REFRAD reduction in strength. release on 90th day subsequent to receipt of notification.
- 70A mandatory retirement 35 years service/five years In grade. Regular army major general.
- 70B Mandatory retirement age 62, regular army major general.
- 70C Mandatory retirement 60, regular Army mayor general whose retirement has been deferred.
- 70D Mandatory retirement age 64, regular Army major general whose retirement has been deferred & each permanent professor and the registrar of the US Military Academy.

- 70E Mandatory retirement 30 years service/five years in grade, regular army brigadier general.
- 70F Mandatory retirement 30 years of service/five years In grade, regular colonels.
- 70G Mandatory retirement 28 years service. Regular Lt. Colonels.
- 70J Mandatory retirement age 60, regular commissioned officer below major general.
- 70K Mandatory retirement more than 30 years active service, professors US military Academy.
- 70L mandatory retirement 30 years of more active service, regular warrant officers.
- 70M Mandatory retirement age 62 regular warrant officers
- 701 Enlisted separation early release of personnel assigned to installations or units scheduled for inactivation, permanent change of station, or demobilization.
- 741 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion, established retirement date, commissioned officer.
- 742 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion, estab'd retirement date. warrant officer.
- 743 Enlisted separation early release of personnel from release of unit of the ARNG or the ARNGUS from active federal service & return to state control
- 744 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion, early retirement date, commissioned officer
- 745 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion. early retirement date, warrant officers.
- 747 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion, retained for retirement, commissioned officers.
- 748 Mandatory retirement failure of selection for promotion, retained for retirement, warrant officer
- 749 Enlisted separation early release of Puerto Rican personnel who will to qualify for training.
- 753 Enlisted separation early release of reserve personnel upon release of reserve units

- 764 Enlisted separation release of REP 63 trainees upon completion of MOS training.
- 77E Mandatory retirement surplus In grade after 30 years service. Removal from acting list (regular Army).
- 77J Voluntary retirement placement on retired list at age 60.
- 77M Mandatory retirement permanent retirement by reason by physical disability
- 77N Mandatory retirement paced on temporary mandatory solemnity retired list
- 77P Voluntary retirement in lieu of or as a result of elimination board proceedings. Regular Army & reserve commissioned officers and Warrant officers.
- 77C andatory retirement temporary disability retirement in lieu of or as a result of elimination proceedings.
- 77R Mandatory retirement permanent disability retirement in lieu of or as a result or elimination proceedings.
- 77S Voluntary retirement a regular Army & reserve commissioned officers
- 77T Voluntary retirement regular Army and reserve warrant officer.
- 77U Voluntary retirement regular Army commissioned officers with 30 or more years of service.
- 77V Voluntary retirement enlisted personnel, voluntarily retired as commissioned officer.
- 77W Voluntary retirement enlisted personnel, voluntarily retired as a warrant officer.
- 77X Voluntary retirement a warrant officer voluntarily retired as a commissioned officer.
- 77Y Mandatory retirement retirement a director of music, USMA, as the President may direct
- 77Z Mandatory retirement regular Army commissioned officers with World War 1 service.
- 771 Mandatory retirement commissioned officers, unfitness or substandard performance of duty.
- 772 Mandatory retirement warrant officers, unfitness or sub standard performance of duty.
- 78A Mandatory retirement formerly retired other than for disability who while on active duty incurred a disability of at least 30%.

- 78B Mandatory retirement a formerly retired for disability who where on active duty suffered aggravation of disability for which he was formerly retired.
- 79A Voluntary REFRAD as USAR warrant officer (aviator) to accept USAR commission (aviator) with concurrent active duty.
- 79B Resignation as RA a WO (aviator) to accept USAR commission (aviator) with concurrent active duty.
- 940 Death (non battle resulting From other than disease).
- 941 Dropped from rolls (as deserter).
- 942 Dropped from rolls (as military prisoner).
- 943 Dropped From rolls (as missing or captured).
- 944 Battle casualty.
- 945 Death (non battle resulting from disease).
- 947 (Current term of service voided as fraudulent enlisted, while AWOL from prior service.
- 949 To enter any area of the service academies (other than USMA).
- 94B To enter US military Academy.
- 971 Erroneously reported as returned from dropped from rolls as a deserter (previously reports under transaction GA).
- 972 Erroneously reported as restored to duty from dropped from rolls of military prisoner previously reported under transaction code GB).
- 973 Erroneously reported as returned from dropped from rolls or missing or captured (previously reported under transaction code GC).
- 976 Minority. Void enlistment or induction enlisted personnel.