Military Separation Codes — Alphabetical Codes
(Separation Program Numbers)

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Hidden on practically every veteran’s DD-214 discharge papers are secret code letters and numbers called Separation Program Numbers (SPN numbers) that might make obtaining veterans benefits difficult if not impossible. Here are these secret alphabetic codes that may make a difference in your future.

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.

B70 – Death, Battle Casualty – Navy
B79 – Death, Battle Casualty – Navy
BDK – Security reason
BFS – Good of the Service, conduct triable by court martial
BHJ – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
BHK – Unsuitability, substandard performance
BKC – See BRA
BLC – Homosexuality
BLF – Drug use
BLM – Unfitness (Reason Unknown)
BML – Homosexuality
BMN – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
BNC – Misconduct, moral or professional dereliction or in interests of national security
BRA – Engaged or attempted to engage in, or solicited another to engage in homosexual act(s)
BRB – See JRB, BKC
BRC – See JRC, BKC
CBL – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
DCH – Early Release – To teach
DER – Disability – Non EPTS – No Severance Pay
DFS – Good of the Service, conduct triable by court martial
DLC – Homosexuality
EKD – AWOL, Desertion
ELPAC – Entry Level Performance & Conduct
FBC – Other
FBK – Expiration of Term of Service
FBL – Expiration of Term of Service
FCM – Conscientious Objector
FDF – Pregnancy
FDG – Parenthood
FDL – See JDL
FFT – Physical standards, no disability
FGM – To accept commission
FHC – In lieu of discharge
FHG – Serving under suspended sentence to dismissal
FKD – AWOL, Desertion
FND – Misc reasons (Unqualified resignation)
GDK – Security reason
GFN – Released for Conditions Existing Prior to Service
GFT – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
GFV – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
GHF – Other
GHJ – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
GHK – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
GJB – Court Martial
GKA – Discréditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
GKB – Civil Court conviction
GKC – Homosexuality
GKD – AWOL, Desertion
GKE – Financial Irresponsibility
GKG – Fraudulent Entry
GKH – Lack of Dependent Support
GKK – Drug use
GKL – Sexual Perversion
GKQ – No listing at this time. However, all GK – Series appears ineligible for re – enlistment.
GKS – AWOL, Desertion
GLB – Discréditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
GLC – Homosexuality
GLF – Drug use
GLG – Financial Irresponsibility
GLH – Lack of Dependent Support
GLJ – Shirking
GLK – Unsanitary Habits
GLL – Sexual Perversion
GMB – Character or Behavior Disorder
GMC – Enuresis
GMD – Inaptitude
GMF – Sexual Perversion
GMG – Alcoholism
GMH – Financial Irresponsibility
GMJ – Motivational problems
GMJ – Shirking
GMK – Character or Behavior Disorder
GML – Homosexuality
GMM – Drug use
GMN – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
GMP – Unsanitary Habits
GNC – Misconduct (Reason Unknown)
GPB – Drug use
H21 – H23 – Death – , Non – Battle, Other (USMC)
H25 – H59 – Death, Non – Battle, Other (USMC)
H31 – Death, Non – Battle, Other (USMC)
H4G – Death, Non – Battle, Other (USMC)
H51 – Death, Non – Battle, Other (USMC)
H61 – 1169 – Death, Battle Casualty – Marine
HBF – Early Release – To attend school
HCR – No listing at this time.
HDF – Pregnancy
HDK – Security reason
HFT – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
HFV – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
HGH – [No definition for this code at this time]
HHJ – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
HJB – Court Martial
HKA – Discreditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
HKB – Civil Court conviction
HKD – AWOL, Desertion
HKE – AWOL, Desertion
HKE – Financial Irresponsibility
HKG – Fraudulent Entry
HKH – Lack of Dependent Support
HKJ – Shirking
HKK – Drug use
HLB – Discreditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
HLC – Homosexuality
HLF – Drug use
HLG – Financial Irresponsibility
HLH – Lack of Dependent Support
HLJ – Shirking
HLK – Unsanitary Habits
HLL – Sexual Perversion
HMB – Character or Behavior Disorder
HMC – Enuresis
HMD – Inaptitude
HMF – – Sexual Perversion
HMG – Alcoholism
HMJ – Motivational problems
HMM – Drug use
HMN – Financial Irresponsibility
HMN – Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
HMP – Unsanitary Habits
HNB – Character or Behavior Disorder
HNC – Misconduct (Reason Unknown)
HPD – No information at this time
HRC – Homosexuality
HRG – No information at this time
HWL – Homosexuality
J11 – USAF Other
JBB – Involuntary discharge, age, USAF
JBB – Other
JBC – Other
JBD – Retirement – 20 – 30 Years Service
JBH – Other
JBK – Expiration of Term of Service
JBK – Involuntary discharge at end active obligated service, USN – Enlisted
JBM – Early Release – Insufficient time left in service after returning from overseas or other duty
JBM – Within 3 months of end active obligated service, USN – Enlisted
JCC – Early Release – Reduction in authorized strength
JCC – General demobilization. Reduction in authorized strength, USN – Enlisted
JCM – Conscientious Objector
JCP – Other, Alien not lawfully admitted
JDA – Fraudulent entry
JDF – Pregnancy
JDG – Parenthood
JDJ – Early Release – In the national interest
JDK – Security reason
JDL – Withdrawal of ecclesiastical endorsement
JDM – Early Release – Other
JDN – Lack of jurisdiction (other than void enlistment)
JDP – Breach of Contract
JDR – Early Release – Other
JDR – Strength reduction. first term airman, USAF
JDT – USN, USMC, Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JED – Early Release – Insufficient Retainability
JEH – USAF Expeditious Discharge
JEM – Army Trainee Discharge
JEM – USAF Expeditious Discharge
JEM – USN, USMC Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JET – Army Trainee Discharge
JET – USAF Trainee Discharge (See also JGA)
JFA – No description at this time.
JFB – Minority, Underage

JFBI – Physical disability that existed prior to entry. was revealed by Marine during enlistment processing and was waived by AFEES or higher headquarters, USMC

JFC – Enlisted/reenlisted/extended/inducted in error/ Erroneous Enlistment or Induction

JFC1 – Erroneous enlistment; a medical board determined that Marine failed to meet required physical standards for enlistment. Marine was not aware of defect and defect was not detected or waived by AFEES, USMC

JFF – Secretarial Authority

JFG(1 – 7) – USMC Other, for the Good of the Service

JFG(9) – USMC Trainee Discharge

JFG(B) – USMC Expeditious Discharge

JFG – Army, Navy, USAF Discharge by competent authority w/o Board Action. (Failure to resign – failed to meet entrance physical requirement)

JFL – Physical Disability – Severance Pay or Juvenile Offender

JFL – Physical disability. entitled to severance pay., USN – Officers

JFL1 – Physical disability with severance pay, USAF

JFL2 – Physical disability that existed prior to service but was aggravated by the Service, with severance pay, USAF

JFM – Physical disability existing prior to entry on active duty established by physical evaluation board proceedings. Not entitled to severance pay., USN – Enlisted

JFM – Physical disability existing prior to service as established by physical evaluation board. Not entitled to severance pay., USN Officers

JFM – Released for Conditions Existing Prior to Service

JFM2 – Physical disability that existed prior to entry. disability was unknown by Marine but was detected and waived by AFEES or higher headquarters, USMC

JFM3 – Physical disability that existed prior to entry for any reason not falling within the purview of JFM1 or JFM2, USMC

JFN – Physical disability existing prior to service as established by medical board. not entitled to severance pay., USN – Officers

JFN – Released for Conditions Existing Prior to Service

JFN1 – Physical disability determined by a medical board that existed prior to entry. disability was revealed by Marine during enlistment processing and waived by AFEES or higher headquarters, USMC

JFN2 – Physical disability determined by a medical board that existed prior to entry. disability was unknown to Marine but detected and waived by AFELS or higher headquarters, USMC

JFN3 – Physical disability determined by a medical board that existed prior to entry; any reason not falling within the purview of JFN1 or JFN2, USMC

JFP – Misconduct (Reason Unknown) or Disability not in the line of duty

JFR – Disability – Non EPTS – No Severance Pay

JFR – Physical disability not existing prior to entry on active duty established by physical evaluation board processing. Not entitled to severance pay., USN – Enlisted
JFR1 – Physical disability that existed prior to service and not aggravated by the Service, without severance pay, USMC
JFS – See KFS
JFT – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
JFU – Positive Urinalysis
JFV – Physical condition, not a disability, interfering with performance of duty, USN – Enlisted
JFV1 – Discharge because of a physical condition which is not disabling, involuntary, USMC
JFV5 – Medical board determination of obesity, USMC
JFV6 – Discharge because of a physical condition which is not disabling (Pseudofolliculitis Barbae), USMC
JFX – Personality disorder (See also JMB)
JFW – No definition on file at this time.
JG7 – Army, Navy, USMC Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JG7 – USAF Trainee Discharge
JGA – Entry level status performance and conduct or entry level status performance – pregnancy
JGB – Failure of selection for permanent promotion
JGB – Failure to select for promotion, not retirement eligible, USN – Officers
JGC – Failure to select for promotion, not retirement eligible, USN – Officers
JGC1 – Failure of selection for promotion, USAF
JGF – Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JGH – Army, Air Force Expeditious Discharge
JGH – USN, USMC Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JHD – Disqualified from officer candidate training physical, USN – Enlisted
JHD – Navy Expeditious Discharge
JHD – Other
JHE – Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
JHF – Failed to meet course standards
JHJ – Army, USMC, USAF Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)/ Unsatisfactory performance
JHK – Unsuitability, substandard performance
JHM – Misconduct (Reason Unknown)
JIV – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
JJB – Court Martial
JJC – Court Martial, Desertion
JJD – Court Martial, Other
JKA – Discreditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
JKB – Civil Court conviction
JKC – Homosexuality
JKD – AWOL, Desertion
JKE – Financial Irresponsibility
JKF – Army, Navy Air Force AWOL, Desertion
JKG – Fraudulent Entry
JKH – Lack of Dependent Support
JKJ – See JHJ
JKK – Character or Behavior Disorder (see also JPC)
JKK – Drug use
JKL – Sexual Perversion (see also JPD)
JKL – Shirking
JKM – Misconduct, pattern of misconduct (See also JKE)
JKN – Misconduct, minor disciplinary infractions (See also JKF)
JKQ – Misconduct, commission of a serious offense (See also JKH)
JKV – Unsanitary Habits
JLB – Discreditable Incidents – Civilian or Military
JLC – Homosexuality
JLF – Drug use
JLG – Financial Irresponsibility
JLH – Lack of Dependent Support
JLJ – Shirking
JLK – Unsanitary Habits
JLL – Sexual Perversion
JMB – Character or Behavior Disorder
JMC – Enuresis
JMD – Inaptitude
JMF – Sexual Perversion
JMG – Alcoholism
JMH – Financial Irresponsibility
JMJ – Motivational problems
JML – Homosexuality
JMM – Drug use
JMN – Navy, USMC, USAF Unsuitability (Reason Unknown)
JMP – Unsanitary Habits
JNC – Misconduct, moral or professional dereliction
JND – Other, Concealment of arrest record
JNF – Army Trainee Discharge
JNF – Navy, USMC, USAF Other
JNG – Unfitness (Reason Unknown)
JPB – Drug use
JPC – Drug abuse rehabilitative failure
JPD – Alcohol abuse rehabilitative failure
JRA – Engaged, attempted to engage or solicit another to engage in a homosexual act
JRB – Admission of Homosexuality or bisexuality
JRC – Marriage or attempted marriage to a person known to be of the same biological sex
KAK – Expiration of Term of Service
KBD – Retirement – 20 – 30 Years Service
KBH – Other
KBJ – Other
KBK – Normal expiration of Service
KBM – Early Release – Precluded from attaining eligibility for retirement with pay
KCE – Early Release – Other
KCE – Early Release – To attend school
KCF – Early Release – To attend school
KCK – Early Release – In the national interest
KCM – Conscientious Objector
KCO – Sole surviving son
KCP – Other
KCQ – See MCQ
KDB – Dependency or Hardship
KDF – Pregnancy
KDG – Parenthood
KDH – Dependency or Hardship
KDJ – Early Release – In the national interest
KDK – Security program
KDM – Early Release – Other
KDM1 – Marine Corps order applicable to all members of a class, USMC
KDN – Other
KDP – Breach of Contract
KDQ – Breach of Contract
KDR – Early Release – Other
KDS – Breach of Contract
KEA – Expiration of Term of Service
KEB – Early Release – Other
KEC – Expiration of Term of Service
KFB – Minority
KFF – Secretarial Authority, to be discharged or retire as an officer
KFG – Other
KFN – Released for Physical disability Existing Prior to Service
KFS – Good of the Service, in lieu of court martial
KFT – Failure to qualify medically for flight training, no disability
KFW – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
KGF – Failure to meet minimum qualifications for Retention
KGH – No information on this code at this time.
KGL – Officer or Warrant Officer Commission program
KGM – Officer Commission program
KGN – Officer Warrant Officer Commission program in another service
KGS – Officer Commission program
KGT – Warrant Officer program
KGU – Service Academy
KGX – Officer Commission program
KHC – Immediate reenlistment
KHD – Other
KHF – Other
KHK – Substandard performance
KLG – Financial Irresponsibility
KLM – Unfitness (Reason Unknown)
KMN – Army Expeditious Discharge
KNC – See BNC
KND – No definition on this code at this time
KNF – Other
KNL – Good of the Service
KOG – Early Release – Police Duty
KOJ – Early Release – Seasonal Employment
L68 – Involuntary release: nonselection for Indefinite Reserve status, USAF
LBB – Involuntary release maximum age, USN – Officers
LBB – Maximum age
LBC – Involuntary release completion of maximum period service according to grade, USN – Officers
LBC – Maximum service
LBH – Early Release – Insufficient Retainability
LBK – Expiration of Term of Service
LBK – Involuntary discharge at end active obligated service, USN – Enlisted
LBM – Navy, USMC, USAF Short length of time remaining after return from overseas or other duty
LBM – Within 3 months of end active obligated service, USN – Enlisted
LCC – Early Release – Reduction in authorized strength
LCC – General demobilization, reduction in force, USN – Enlisted
LDG – Inability to perform prescribed duties due to parenthood
LDK – Security reason
LDL – See JDL
LDM – Strength adjustment, USN – Officers
LDN – Early Release – Lack of jurisdiction (other than void enlistment)
LDP – Breach of Contract
LDP6 – Nonfulfillment of service contract, convenience of the government, with breach of contract payment, USAF
LDP7 – Nonfulfillment of service contract, with breach of contract and readjustment payment, USAF
LDP8 – Nonfulfillment of service contract, failure of selection for promotion, with breach of contract payment, USAF
LDP9 – Nonfulfillment of service contract, request for extension of active duty disapproved, with breach of contract and readjustment payment, USAF
LDPA – Nonfulfillment of service contract, failure of selection for promotion, with breach of contract and readjustment payment, USAF
LDPB – Nonfulfillment of service contract, convenience of the government, with readjustment payment, USAF
LDPC – Nonfulfillment of service contract, with readjustment payment, USAF
LDPD – Nonfulfillment of service contract, termination of extended active duty, with breach of contract payment, USAF
LDR – Early Release – Other
LED – CONUS based airman lacks retainability for assignment, USAF
LED – Early Release – Insufficient Retainability
LET – Entry level status performance and conduct or pregnancy
LFC – Erroneous entry
LFF – Directed by service authority
LFG – Other
LFN – Physical disability existing prior to service as established by medical board. not entitled to severance pay., USN – Officers
LFR – Revert to inactive status. Retire age 60. No disability severance pay, USAF
LFT – Erroneous Enlistment or Induction or Unqualified for Active Duty – Medical
LGA – See LET
LGB – Failure of selection for permanent promotion
LGB – Failure of selection for permanent reserve promotion, USN – Officers
LGB – Involuntary release. Failed permanent promotion or removed from list, USAF
LGC – Failure of selection for temporary promotion
LGC – Involuntary release: twice failed temporary promotion, USAF
LGH – Failure to meet minimum standards of service
LGJ – Early Release – Disapproval of request for extension of service
LGJ – Involuntary release: disapproved request for extension of tour, USAF
LGJ – Request for extension of active duty denied (USNR), USN – Officers
LGJ1 – Request for extension of service denied upon initial EAS without readjustment pay/not selected for retention, USAF
LGJ2 – Request for extension of service denied upon extended EAS without readjustment pay/not selected for retention, USAF
LHD – Other
LHF – Navy, USMC, USAF Other
LHH – Service under sentence to dismissal awaiting appellate review
LHJ – Unsatisfactory performance
LIF – Secretarial Authority
LLM – Army Trainee Discharge
LMJ – See LHJ
LND – Misc reasons (medical service personnel who receive unfavorable background investigation or National Agency check
LNF – Army Trainee Discharge
MBD – Hardship
MBH – Early Release – Insufficient Retainability
MBK – Completion of active duty service commitment or expiration of term of service, USAF
MBK – Expiration of Term of Service
MBN – (ANGUS) (USAFR) Release from active duty completion of required service, USAF
MBN – Expiration of Term of Service
MCF – To attend educational facility
MCK – Early Release – In the national interest
MCQ – Sole surviving son, daughter or family member
MDB – Hardship
MDF – Pregnancy
MDG – Parenthood
MDH – Dependency or Hardship
MDJ – National interest
MDL – Early Release – To attend school
MDM – Early Release – Other
MDN – Other
MDP – Breach of Contract
MDR – Early Release – Other
MDS – Breach of Contract
MEB – Early Release – Other
MEC – Completed extended enlistment, USAF
MEC – Erroneous Enlistment or Induction
MEC – Expiration of Term of Service
MFA – Expiration of Term of Service
MFF – Secretarial Authority
MFG – Other
MGC – Early Release – Other
MGH – Warrant Officer program
MGJ – Early Release – Other
MGM – To accept commission
MGO – Early Release – Police Duty or Seasonal Employment
MGP – Interdepartmental transfer
MGR – Revert to Regular Army warrant officer status
MGU – To enter Service Academy
MGX – Officer Commission program
MHC – Immediate enlistment
MND – Misc reasons (in lieu of serving in lower grade than Reserve grade or by request – includes MC and DC officers) or in lieu of unqualified resignation
MNF – Other
MOD – Sole surviving son
MOJ – Early Release – In the national interest
NBD – Retirement – 20 – 30 Years Service
NDB – Dependency or Hardship
NDH – Early Release – To teach
NEF – Secretarial Authority
NET – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
NVC – Erroneous Enlistment or Induction
PGU – Service Academy
RB – retirement – Over 30 Years Service
RBB – Retirement – Other
RBD – Retirement – 20 – 30 Years Service
RFJ – Permanent Disability – Retired
RFJ1 – Permanent disability retired list, USAF
RFK – Temporary Disability – Retired
RFK1 – Temporary disability retired list, USAF
SBB – Attain maximum age. mandatory retirement, USN – Officers
SBB – Mandatory retirement on established date, maximum age, USAF
SBC – Attain maximum time in grade/service. mandatory retirement, USN – Officers
SBC – Mandatory retirement on established date. maximum years of service, USAF
SBD – Retirement – 20 – 30 Years Service
SFE – Placed on temporary disability retired list, USN – Officers
SFJ – Permanent Disability – Retired
SFJ – Permanent disability retirement, USAF
SFJ – Permanent disability, USN – Enlisted
SFJ – Permanent disability, USN – Officers
SFK – Place on temporary disability retired list, USAF
SFK – Placed on temporary disability retired list, USN – Enlisted
SFK – Temporary Disability – Retired
SGB – Failure of selection for promotion, permanent, USN – Officers
SGB – Retired on established date nonselection permanent promotion or retained for retirement nonselection permanent promotion, USAF
SGC – Failure of selection for promotion, temporary, USN – Officers
SKU – No definition at this time
TCC – See LCC
VFJ – Permanent Disability – Retired
VFJ – Revert to retired list with permanent disability, USAF
VFK – Revert to retired list and placed on temporary disability retired list, USAF
VFK – Temporary Disability – Retired
VNF – Other
WFK – Temporary Disability – Retired
XBK – Retirement – Other
XDM – Early Release – Other
XET – Unqualified for Active Duty – Other
XND – Other
XOH – Dependency or Hardship
XOP – Breach of Contract
XOS – Retirement – Other
YBK – Retirement – Other
YCP – Other
YDN – Other
YFB – Minority
YKG – Fraudulent Entry
YND – Other