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## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DOCKET NUMBER:** BC-2023-02583

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**COUNSEL:** NONE

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**HEARING REQUESTED:** NO

### APPLICANT'S REQUEST

His DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States*, be amended to reflect his current legal name and correct date of birth (DOB).

### APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

The name and DOB on his DD Form 214 are incorrect.

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force airman first class (E-3).

The applicant served in the Air Force from 29 Dec 50 to 20 Dec 54, under the name REH.

On 16 Mar 23, the applicant was issued a certified birth certificate, which indicates a different name and DOB from the name and DOB on the applicant's DD Form 214.

For more information, see the excerpt of the applicant's record at Exhibit B.

### APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

Consistent with recommendations of the Air Staff and the Office of the Secretary of Defense Separations Standardization Working Group, the Board has established a precedent of granting requests for name changes on the DD Form 214 based on error under the following conditions: (1) the DD Form 214 was erroneous when issued; (2) the applicant provides adequate proof (True Copy Raised Seal, Notarized, or official digital document with electronic signature).

SAF/MR memorandum, *Guidance to the Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records*, dated 9 Mar 15, states that while the Board generally has the authority to correct an applicant's records to reflect a legal change to the applicant's name, it should exercise discretion in doing so. The DD Form 214 is primarily created for the benefit of the veteran to establish entitlements to various government programs, or in seeking employment with organizations that grant veteran's preferences. A DD Form 214 may constitute an injustice when the veteran asserts that presenting a DD Form 214 that lists the old name effectively requires a needlessly intrusive explanation of personal history.

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AFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records System*, Table A7.5 (Correction to Date of Birth), Note 3, provides as follows: Do not correct records of former members unless evidence proves the date of birth used while serving with the Air Force was erroneously recorded. Required proof is an unaltered original document from the jurisdiction of the applicant's birth, showing the applicant's name and date of birth.

A complete copy of the SAF/MR memorandum is at Exhibit C.

### **APPLICANT'S REVIEW OF APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE**

The Board sent a copy of the SAF/MR memorandum to the applicant on 3 Nov 23 for comment (Exhibit D) but has received no response.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

1. The application was not timely filed, but it is in the interest of justice to excuse the delay.
2. The applicant exhausted all available non-judicial relief before applying to the Board.
3. After thoroughly reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an error. Pending update of DoDI 1336.01, *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214/5 Series)*, to allow administrative correction of the DD Form 214 without action of the Board, and based on recommendations from the Office of the Secretary of Defense Separations Standardization Working Group, the Board has established a precedent of granting requests for name changes on the DD Form 214 based on error under the following conditions: (1) the DD Form 214 was erroneous when issued; (2) the applicant provides adequate proof (True Copy Raised Seal, Notarized, or official digital document with electronic signature). In the present case, the Board finds the applicant has met the criteria noted above. Additionally, The Board finds the applicant's date of birth used while serving with the Air Force was erroneously recorded. Therefore, the Board recommends the applicant's records be corrected as indicated below.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The pertinent military records of the Department of the Air Force relating to APPLICANT be corrected to show that the DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States*, issued in conjunction with the discharge, be declared void; a new DD Form 214 be issued to reflect the current legal name in Block 1 and the correct DOB in Block 10; and no entries be made on the reissued DD Form 214 indicating the name was changed or the DD Form 214 was administratively reissued.

### **CERTIFICATION**

The following quorum of the Board, as defined in Department of the Air Force Instruction (DAFI) 36-2603, *Air Force Board for Correction of Military Records (AFBCMR)*, paragraph 2.1, considered Docket Number BC-2023-02583 in Executive Session on 23 Jan 25:

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All members voted to correct the record. The panel considered the following:

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Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 20 Jul 23.

Exhibit B: Documentary Evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

Exhibit C: Memorandums, SAF/MR, dated 9 Mar 15.

Exhibit D: Notification of Memorandums, SAF/MRBC to Applicant, dated 3 Nov 23.

Taken together with all Exhibits, this document constitutes the true and complete Record of Proceedings, as required by DAFI 36-2603, paragraph 4.12.9.

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Board Operations Manager, AFBCMR

Signed by: USAF

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