

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: BC-2023-03313

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COUNSEL: NONE

HEARING REQUESTED: YES

APPLICANT'S REQUEST

The social security number (SSN) on his DD Form 214, *Report of Separation from Active Duty*, be corrected.

APPLICANT'S CONTENTIONS

His previous SSN was retired due to identity theft, and he was issued a new SSN. His Department of Veterans Affairs benefits are tied to a number he no longer possesses.

In support of his request, the applicant provides a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA).

The applicant's complete submission is at Exhibit A.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The applicant is a former Air Force sergeant (E-4).

The applicant served in the Regular Air Force from 11 Jun 70 to 22 Mar 74.

On 4 Jun 13, the SSA issued the applicant a document verifying the SSN indicated on his DD Form 214 was changed in 1987.

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

APPLICABLE AUTHORITY/GUIDANCE

AFI 36-2608, *Military Personnel Records System*, Table A7.1 (Correcting SSN in Records), provides as follows: Do not correct records of former Airmen unless evidence proves the SSN used while serving with the Air Force was incorrect or erroneously recorded. Required proof is an unaltered original document from the Social Security Administration (SSA), showing the applicant's name, the old or erroneous SSN, and the new or correct SSN.

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 reviewing all Exhibits, the Board concludes the applicant is the victim of an injustice. AFI 36-2608 indicates records of former Airmen should not be corrected unless evidence proves the SSN used while serving with the Air Force was incorrect or erroneously recorded. However, although the applicant's SSN used during service was correctly annotated on his DD Form 214, he has provided evidence from the SSA that his SSN was retired. Therefore, the Board recommends correcting the applicant's records as indicated below.

4. The applicant has not shown a personal appearance, with or without counsel, would materially add to the Board's understanding of the issues involved.

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 Active Duty*, issued in conjunction with the 22 Mar 74 discharge, be changed to reflect the correct SSN in Block 3.

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-2023-03313 in Executive Session on 30 May 24:

, Panel Chair
, Panel Member
, Panel Member

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

Exhibit A: Application, DD Form 149, w/atchs, dated 22 Sep 23.
Exhibit B: Documentary Evidence, including relevant excerpts from official records.

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