

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 7 December 2023

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230005610

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show his social security number (SSN) as ██████████ instead of ██████████.

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- Social security card

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b); however, the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) conducted a substantive review of this case and determined it is in the interest of justice to excuse the applicant's failure to timely file.
2. The applicant states the SSN shown on his records is incorrect. All of his military records show the incorrect SSN. There are no records showing the correct SSN and therefore, his records need to be changed.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Army National Guard (ARNG) on 18 January 1970. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States) shows the SSN he claims is incorrect.
4. Orders issued on 28 March 1970 ordered the applicant to active duty for training (ACDUTRA). The orders show the SSN he claims is incorrect.
5. The applicant attended ACDUTRA from 23 April to 22 August 1970. He was issued a DD Form 214 for this period of active service which shows the SSN he claims is incorrect.

6. The applicant was discharged from the ARNG on 16 October 1972. His National Guard Bureau Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service) shows the SSN he claims is incorrect.

7. The applicant provided his social security card showing the SSN he claims is correct.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is not warranted.

2. The Board noted that, as the applicant states, none of his military service records show the SSN he claims is correct. The Board found insufficient evidence of mitigating circumstances that would support a recommendation to change an entry in the applicant’s service records that accurately reflected the information available at the time the records were completed. Based on a preponderance of the evidence, the Board determined the SSN shown in the applicant’s record should not be changed.

3. The applicant is advised that a copy of these proceedings will be filed in his Official Military Personnel File, which will serve to explain the difference between the SSN recorded in his service records and the SSN on his social security card.

BOARD VOTE:

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: : : GRANT FULL RELIEF

: : : GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

: : : GRANT FORMAL HEARING

■ ■ ■ DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Therefore, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

2/12/2024

X [REDACTED]

CHAIRPERSON
[REDACTED]

I certify that herein is recorded the true and complete record of the proceedings of the Army Board for Correction of Military Records in this case.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, U.S. Code, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within 3 years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the ABCMR to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the 3-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
2. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separations Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It states the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

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