

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 January 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007360

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), ending 15 April 1963 to reflect his Social Security Number (SSN) as [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, ending 15 April 1963
- Social Security Card

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10, U.S. Code (USC), 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, in pertinent part, his SSN is listed incorrectly on his service record and is causing him to lose benefits from the Veterans Affairs.

3. A review of the applicant's available service record reflects the following:

a. On 6 September 1961 he enlisted in the Regular Army.

b. DA Form 24 (Service Record) shows his period of service from 6 September 1961 to 15 April 1963 and his SSN as [REDACTED]

c. DD Form 214, ending 15 April 1963 reflects an honorable release from active duty and transfer to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training) with service from 6 September 1961 to 15 April 1963. Item 32 (Remarks) shows his SSN as [REDACTED]

4. The applicant provides his social security card showing his social security number as [REDACTED]

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted. The Board carefully considered the applicant's record of service, documents submitted in support of the petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. The Board determined the evidence presented does demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. One potential outcome was to deny relief based on the interest in maintaining the integrity of its records for historical purposes. However, upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board majority determined the overall merits of this case are sufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. The Board found this as an administrative error by one digit. Additionally, the Board recommended the applicant seek assistance through the social security administration office for correction of his social security number and they will be able to merge them as well and notify the department of veteran affairs of the correction.

2. Furthermore, during deliberation, the Board determined the applicant's service record did not reflect he was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) and his record shows he received "excellent" conduct and efficiency ratings throughout his service for the period of 6 September 1961 to 15 April 1963. Based on this the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's SSN to read as shown on his social security card and award of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

BOARD VOTE:

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■	:	■	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	■	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

In addition to the administrative notes annotated by the Analyst of Record (below the signature), the Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by awarding him the Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) for exemplary service from 6 September 1961 to 15 April 1963, adding the medal to his DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 April 1963 and correcting his social security number to read as shown on his social security card.

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CHAIRPERSON


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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:

A review of the applicant's records shows he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 April 1963. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 by adding: the National Defense Service Medal (NDSM).

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, 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 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribes policies and procedures for the completion of the DD Form 214. Source documents include the DA Form 24 and DD Form 4, as well as orders. The SSN to be shown on the DD Form 214 is taken from these source documents.

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