

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 29 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230007808

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show his requested Social Security Number (SSN), as recorded on his Social Security Administration Card, in block 3 (Social Security Number (SSN)).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214, for period ending 16 January 1972
- Letter to ██████████ Senator, dated 23 May 2023
- SF 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records)
- Social Security Administration Card
- Electronic Mail from ██████████ Senator Office, dated 20 June 2023

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. Incorporated herein by reference are military records which were summarized in the previous consideration of the applicant's case by the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) in Docket Number AR20220009998 on 5 May 2023.
3. The applicant states the SSN listed on his DD Form 214 is wrong and he provides the number he contends is correct. He indicates he trying to get Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and needs his SSN corrected on his DD Form 214.
4. The applicant provided copy of a Social Security Administration Card indicating a social security number he states is the correct SSN. He also provided copies of a letter he sent to the Senator ██████████ office, along with a response from the Senator's office.

5. On 13 July 1970, the applicant was inducted into the Army of the United States. His DD Form 47 (Record of Induction) and DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), both list the contested SSN.
6. A review of all documents in the applicant's official military personnel file show the contested SSN.
7. On 16 January 1972, he was honorably released from active duty and was transferred to the United States Army Reserve (USAR). A discharge order from the USAR, 06-1124272 and his DD Form 214 show the contested SSN.
8. On 5 May 2023, the ABCMR rendered a decision in Docket Number AR20220009998. The Board determined that relief was not warranted. The Board carefully considered applicant's contentions, evidence within the military record, and regulatory guidance. Evidence of record consistently reflects the Social Security Number that the applicant states is incorrect. Although, current regulatory guidance allows for more than one social security number to be listed on a DD Form 214, supporting documentation, specifically, a copy of the social security card reflecting the requested number was not included with the application for consideration by the Board. In assuming administrative regularity, the Board determined the evidence presented insufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief.
9. By regulation, the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was warranted because the error in his SSN is the result of a clear typo.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

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 amending block 3 (Social Security Number (SSN)) to show the SSN reflected on his Social Security Administration Card.

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CHAIRPERSON

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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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers at the time of retirement, discharge, or release from active-duty service or control of the Active Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. Chapter 2 (Preparation of Separation Documents) details when and how the DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) will be prepared. Section II, paragraph 2-8c. addresses Block 3 (Social security number) and states to check records with separatee's social security card when possible; otherwise, verify the accuracy with the SSN of record.

3. AR 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents) currently in effect prescribes policy and procedural guidance relating to transition management. It consolidated the policies, principles of support, and standards of service regarding processing personnel for transition. The DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. When separation is ordered, the separation approval document must be present for transition processing these included the Enlisted Record Brief or Officer Record Brief, separation approval documents, separation orders and any other document authorized for filing in the personnel records. The rules for completing the DD Form 214 state to verify its accuracy by reviewing the initial enlistment contracts and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one SSN, list the other SSN of record in Block 18 (Remarks). Once a DD Form 214 has been issued, there are few exceptions requiring reissuance. An appellate authority can direct reissuance or direct issuance of a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214).

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