

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 4 April 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230009807

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of item 3 (Social Security Number (SSN)) on his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty).

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

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

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the 3-year time frame provided in Title 10 (Armed Forces), United States Code (USC), section 1552 (b) (Correction of Military Records: Claims Incident Thereto). 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 effect, his DD Form 214 for the period ending 20 July 1982, shows the wrong SSN; instead of the middle two numbers being ████████ they should be ████████ He is seeking this correction so he can apply for assistance.

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

a. On or about 24 August 1980, the applicant and his recruiter completed a DD Form 1966 (Application for Enlistment – Armed Forces of the United States). The applicant's SSN has been handwritten on all eight pages of the document, and, in each instance, the middle two numbers have been overwritten with the numbers ████████ the numbers originally written are no longer legible. On the 7th page (DA Form 1966/7), the recruiter reports he verified the SSN using the applicant's driver's license.

b. On 12 November 1980, the applicant enlisted into the Regular Army for 3 years; his enlistment documents reflect an SSN with the middle two numbers of ████████ On 25 May 1982, the applicant's supporting personnel center generated an automated DA Form 2 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part I). Item 2 (SSN) of the form lists the

applicant's SSN, with [REDACTED] as the middle two digits. Item 3 (VSSSN (Verification Status Social Security Number)) is blank. (During the applicant's era of service, the Army and the Social Security Administration conducted ongoing reconciliations to validate the SSNs in the Army's databases.)

c. On 16 July 1982, after approving a separation recommendation from the applicant's unit commander, the separation authority directed the applicant's honorable discharge; on 20 July 1982, orders separated the applicant accordingly. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 8 months, and 9 days of his 3-year enlistment contract; item 3 reflects an SSN with [REDACTED] as the middle two numbers.

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 found the applicant served exclusively under the SSN he states is incorrect. The Board found insufficient evidence of mitigating factors that would be a basis for changing an entry on the DD Form 214 that accurately reflects the information available when the form was completed. The Board determined the SSN on the applicant's DD Form 214 should not be changed.
3. The applicant is advised that a copy of these proceedings will be placed in his Official Military Personnel File, which will serve to explain the difference between the SSN shown on his DD Form 214 and the SSN he states is correct.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1	Mbr 2	Mbr 3	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	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.

8/18/2024

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, 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. AR 635-5, in effect at the time, stated the purpose of separation documents was to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his/her military service. With regard to item 3 (SSN) of the DD Form 214, the regulation directed DD Form 214 preparers to verify the accuracy of the Soldier's SSN with his/her record.

3. AR 680-29 (Military Personnel, Organization, and Type of Transaction Codes), in effect at the time, provided a list of codes that reflected the verification status of SSNs (i.e., Verification Status SSN (VSSSN)). On an ongoing basis, the Army's automated database reconciled SSN with the SSA's automated records.

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