

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 27 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230010330

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of the social security number (SSN) listed in item 32 (Remarks) of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge).

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENT(S) CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:
DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)

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, ending 11 August 1961, has the wrong SSN; instead of ██████████ it should be ██████████. The applicant provides no further supporting documentation.
3. The applicant's requested relief for adding the Korea Defense Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal to his DD Form 214 is supported by sufficient evidence; as a result, this portion of the requested relief will be addressed in the "ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S)" section and will not be further considered by the Board.
4. A review of the applicant's service record reveals the following:
 - a. On 10 September 1959, the Army of the United States (AUS) inducted the applicant for a 2-year term. Upon completion of initial entry training and the award of military occupational specialty 950.00 (Military Police (MP)), orders assigned him to Fort Carson, CO, and he arrived at his new unit, an MP company, on 1 February 1960.

b. In or around June 1960, the applicant received reassignment instructions for Korea. On 30 July 1960, he arrived in Korea and orders further assigned him to an MP company; he arrived at his unit, on 31 July 1960.

c. On 28 July 1961, the applicant completed his tour in Korea, and orders transferred him to the U.S. Army Personnel Center at Oakland, CA for separation processing.

d. On 14 August 1961, the Army honorably released him from active duty, based on an early release policy, and transferred him to the U.S. Army Reserve. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months, and 2 days of his 2-year AUS active-duty obligation. The form additionally reflects the following:

- Item 26 (Decorations, Medals, Badges, Commendations, Citations, and Campaign Ribbons Awarded or Authorized) – Army Good Conduct Medal (1st Award) and two marksmanship qualification badges
- Item 32 – "SSAN: [REDACTED]"

e. A review of the applicant's available service record shows all documents that include an SSN show it as [REDACTED]; no records list his SSN as [REDACTED]

5. The Board has an interest in maintaining the accuracy of its records; for historical purposes, the data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances, as they existed at the time of the records' creation.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not 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 not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used the contested social security number (SSN) during his entire period of service. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned.

2. The Board noted the applicant provided no supporting documentation to support his contentions of an error regarding his SSN. 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. The Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records for historical purposes. The information in those records must reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of evidence that shows a material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed. Based on this the Board denied relief.

3. The applicant is advised that a copy of this decisional document, along with his application and the supporting evidence he provided, will be filed in his official military records. This should serve to clarify any questions or confusion regarding the difference in the SSN recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his SSN documented in his military records.

4. Prior to closing the case, the Board did note the analyst of record administrative notes below, and recommended the correction is completed to more accurately depict the military service of the applicant.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found 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.

4/8/2024

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[Redacted Signature]

CHAIRPERSON

[Redacted Name]

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 NOTE(S):

1. AR 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, stated the DD Form 214 was to list all decorations, service medals, campaign credits, and badges awarded or authorized.
2. AR 600-8-22, currently in effect, states the Korea Defense Service Medal is authorized for award to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have served on active duty in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea.
3. The evidence of record shows the applicant served in Korea from 12 July 1960 until 10 August 1961 (1 year and 29 days).
4. Based on the foregoing, amend the applicant's DD Form 214, ending 11 August 1961, by adding the Korea Defense Service Medal.
4. AR 600-8-22, currently in effect, states the National Defense Service Medal is awarded for honorable active service for any period between 1 January 1961 and 14 August 1974.
5. Based on the foregoing, amend the applicant's DD Form 214, ending 14 August 1961, by adding the National Defense Service Medal.

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 32 (Remarks) of the DD Form 214, the regulation directed DD Form 214 preparers to transcribe the "Social Security Account Number from DA Form 24 (Service Record) in the following manner: 'SSAN 000-00-0000.'"

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