

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: ██████████

BOARD DATE: 5 March 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230010470

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show his social security number (SSN) as ██████████ (SSN 1) vice the number currently reflected as ██████████ (SSN 2)

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 20 June 2023
- SSN Card
- DD Form 214, dated 12 May 1987

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, in effect, his SSN on his DD Form 214, item 3 (SSN) should reflect the number on his social security card.
3. The applicant provided a copy of his social security card showing SSN 1.
4. A review of the applicant's service records shows:
 - a. On 9 December 1981, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve for a term of 6 years, using SSN 2. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document) shows SSN 2.
 - b. In connection with this enlistment, he completed DD Form 1966 using SSN 2.
 - c. All of the documents in his service records show SSN 2, including but not limited to:
 - Orders 232-75, Headquarters (HQ), I Corps and Fort Lewis, dated 23 November 1983

- DD Form 4, dated 29 November 1984
- DA Form 3340 (Request for Regular Army Reenlistment or Extension), dated 26 December 1984
- Permanent Orders 39-2, HQ, U.S. Army Missile Command, dated 9 April 1985
- DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record)
- DD Form 214, dated 12 May 1987

4. On 23 January 1985, he applied to the Army Discharge Review Board for an upgrade of his discharge with a DD Form 149 and using SSN 2.

5. On 7 January 1995, he requested a copy of his service record with an SF 180 using SSN 2.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. The evidence of record shows he used the contested SSN during his service. The Board found no evidence he used the requested SSN during his service. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence. 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, unless there is sufficient evidence that shows a material error or injustice.

2. This Record of Proceedings, will be filed in his military record in order to provide clarity and to deal with any confusion that might arise regarding the difference in his SSN. Filing the Board's decisional document will also guarantee the historical accuracy of the applicant's military record regarding the SSN under which he served.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
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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.

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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 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

3. Army Regulation 635-5, Interim Change, in effect on 2 October 1989, implemented by DODI 1336.1, provided updated instructions for completing the DD Form 214.

a. The DD Form 214 must be typed or printed so that all eight copies are legible. Avoid using abbreviations in the entries as much as possible since this form is often used by civilian organizations. All blocks of the form require an entry. When no entry is appropriate or none exists, enter the abbreviation for not applicable "NA" or "None," whichever is appropriate.

b. Item 3 (SSN): Enter SSN. Verify accuracy of the SSN with item 3 of the DA Form 2A for enlisted and DA Form 4037 for officers.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//