

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 May 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011018

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show her social security number (SSN) as [REDACTED]-xx-xxxx vice [REDACTED]-xx-xxxx.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certification of Military Service, effective 9 July 1980
- DD Form 214
- NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service)
- SSN Card
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Form 27-0820 (Report of General Information)

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 at enlistment her SSN was entered incorrectly. She never caught it until she attempted to get housing and realized the first three numbers were entered as [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED], which is reflected on her SSN card. The change will facilitate her ability to acquire permanent housing assistance through the VA. The program manager in the local area will not approve the extended assistance unless the DD Form 214 reflects the SSN as shown on her card. The information has been changed within the VA system.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. The below listed records to be referenced in the service record:
 - Certification of Military Service, effective 9 July 1980

- DD Form 214
- NGB Form 22 (Report of Separation and Record of Service)

b. Her SSN card shows [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX.

c. A VA Form 27-0820 shows on 19 November 2021, a call was made to assist the applicant in obtaining housing; however, she was informed that there was no DD Form 214 with the applicant's information, and one could be requested through the National Personnel Records Center.

4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. She enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard (NJARNG) on 27 December 1979. Her DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document) shows in the SSAN block at the top of each page, the number [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX.

b. The applicant's DD Form 214 is illegible; however, a Certificate of Military Service lists her SSN as [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX, a number different from that requested.

c. Two additional documents in the applicant's service record listed her SSN as [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX, a number different from that requested:

- Orders 120-181, 19 June 1980
- Orders 7-1, 9 July 1981

d. Orders 107-19, dated 8 June 1982, discharged the applicant from the ARNG with an effective date of 3 June 1982. The applicant's SSN is listed as [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX.

e. She was discharged from the NJARNG on 3 June 1982. Her NGB Form 22 shows she completed 2 years, 5 months, and 7 days of net service for the period. Block 3 (Social Security Number) shows [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX.

f. Orders C-04-013667 dated 24 April 1984, reassigned the applicant in the U.S. Army Reserve component. Her SSN is listed as [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX.

h. The applicant's SSN was consistent throughout her service record showing [REDACTED]-XX-XXXX, a number different from that requested.

5. By regulation (AR 635-8), currently in effect, 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. Block 3 (Social Security

Number) states verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one social security number, list the other social security number of record in Block 18 (Remarks).

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. Although, the applicant used the contested social security number (SSN) during her entire period of service. The Board determined the overall merits of this case are sufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. The Board recommended the applicant seek assistance through the social security administration office for correction of her social security number and they will be able to merge them as well and notify the department of veteran affairs of the correction.
2. Upon review of the applicant's available military records the Board determined there is sufficient evidence to show an administrative error occurred with the applicant's social security number being transposed. The Board granted relief to correct the applicant's record by annotating in item 18 (Remarks) also known (AKA) to reflect her social security number as shown on her social security card.
3. 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.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 her DD Form 214 by showing in item 18 (Remarks) also known as (AKA) her social security number as listed on her social security card.



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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, states 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. Block 3 (Social Security Number) states verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one social security number, list the other social security number of record in Block 18 (Remarks).

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