

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 May 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230011868

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- reconsideration of his previous request for correction of the his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show in item 3 (Social Security Number) xxx-xx-[REDACTED] vice xxx-xx-[REDACTED]
- a vide/telephonic appearance before the Board

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) Letter, dated 14 July 2022
- Certification of Military Service, dated 15 December 2022
- State Issued Identification Card
- Social Security Card, dated 20 August 2012

FACTS:

1. 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 AR20220011073 on 1 June 2023.

2. The applicant states the last four digits of his SSN are transposed as shown on his DD Form 214 and would like it corrected so he can file for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits.

3. The applicant provides the following documents in support of his request. He also indicates on his DD Form 149 that other mental health issues/conditions are related to his request:

- Certificate of Military Service from NPRC dated 15 December 2022
- A copy of his state identification card; however, it does not contain his SSN
- A copy of his social security card, dated 20 August 2012, showing his requested SSN

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 12 February 1985. Item 2 (SSN) of his DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document - Armed Forces of the United States) shows the contested SSN.

b. A review of his Official Military Personnel File revealed all applicable documents contain the SSN as shown on his DD Form 4.

c. He was honorably discharged on 8 May 1986. Item 3 (SSN) of his DD Form 214 shows the contested SSN.

5. On 1 June 2023, the ABCMR rendered a decision in Docket Number AR20220011073. The Board found relief was not warranted. The evidence of record shows the applicant used the contested SSN during his entire period of service. There is no evidence he used the requested SSN during his military service.

6. By regulation (AR 15-185), an applicant is not entitled to a hearing before the ABCMR. Hearings may be authorized by a panel of the ABCMR or by the Director of the ABCMR.

7. Also 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:

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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, 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 found this as an administrative error with the last four digits being transposed.

2. The Board recommends 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. Based on this, the Board granted relief to correct the applicant's SSN by amending item 18

(Remarks) section of his DD form 214 to read also know as (A.K.A) his social security number has shown on his 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.

4. The applicant's request for a personal appearance hearing was carefully considered. In this case, the evidence of record was sufficient to render a fair and equitable decision. As a result, a personal appearance hearing is not necessary to serve the interest of equity and justice in this case.

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 his DD Form 214 for the period ending 8 May 1986 by adding in item 18 (Remarks) also known as (A.K.A) to show his social security number as listed on his 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. Army Regulation (AR) Army Regulation 15-185 (ABCMR) 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, which is that what the Army did was correct.

a. The ABCMR is not an investigative body and decides cases based on the evidence that is presented in the military records provided and the independent evidence submitted with the application. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

b. The ABCMR may, in its discretion, hold a hearing or request additional evidence or opinions. Additionally, it states in paragraph 2-11 that applicants do not have a right to a hearing before the ABCMR. The Director or the ABCMR may grant a formal hearing whenever justice requires.

2. Army Regulation 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

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