

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 June 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230012535

APPLICANT REQUESTS: to change his Social Security Number (SSN) on his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show XXX-XX-[REDACTED] instead of XXX-XX-[REDACTED].

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Certificate of Birth, 14 January 1967
- DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document), Page 1
- DD Form 214, 21 September 1987
- Passport Card, 30 October 2017 and Social Security Card, 16 March 2018
- Personal Earnings and Benefits Estimate Statement (PEBES) Online Response, 2 February 2023
- Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Appointment Notification, 18 August 2023

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 he needs his SSN changed/updated to receive benefits and services as a veteran.
3. The applicant provides the following:
 - A copy of his certificate of birth, which does not reflect his SSN.
 - His passport card issued on 30 October 2017, and does not reflect his SSN.
 - A copy of his social security card, 16 March 2018, which shows the requested SSN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED].
 - His PEBES, dated 2 February 2023, shows the requested SSN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]
 - VA appointment notification 18 August 2023. This document does not reflect his SSN.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 30 July 1985.

b. All documents in the applicant's records, to include his DD Form 1966 (Record of Military Processing – Armed Forces of the United States), DD Form 4, and DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record), all list the contested SSN of XXX-XX-██████.

c. His DD Form 214 shows he was discharged from active duty on 21 September 1987. His DD Form 214 also shows the contested SSN.

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:

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.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, stated the purpose of separation documents was to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his/her military service. DD Form 214 preparers were to use all available records, to include enlistment documents, and the Soldier's DA Forms 2, and 2-1, as sources for the entries in the DD Form 214.

3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, prescribes the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It states, Block 3 (SSN), verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one SSN, list the other SSN of record in block 18 (Remarks).

4. 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.

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