

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 31 July 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230014180

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- correction of his social security number (SSN)
- correction of his DD Form 214 to add his awards and assignment history

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Social Security Card
- DD Form 214 effective 19 December 1986

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 is requesting correction of his SSN as reflected on his social security card. He is also requesting to add his awards and list of stations to his DD Form 214.
3. The applicant provides a photocopy of his social security card, issued on 7 August 2014, which shows his SSN as XXX-XX- [REDACTED].
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the United States Army on 3 May 1983. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States) shows in Block 2 (Social Security Number) XXX-XX- [REDACTED], a number different from that requested.

b. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) lists his SSN as XXX-XX-
 [REDACTED] a number different from that requested. It also shows in block 9 (Awards, Decorations & Campaigns), he was awarded or authorized the following:

- Army Service Ribbon
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Overseas Service Ribbon

c. Three additional documents in the applicant's service record list his SSN as XXX-XX-[REDACTED], a number different from that requested:

- Permanent Orders 176-1 (award of Army Achievement Medal), 9 October 1984
- Permanent Orders 5-7 (award of Army Commendation Medal), 9 January 1987
- Orders 209-22 (Transition Orders), 20 October 1986

d. On 19 December 1986, he was honorably released from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years, 7 months, and 17 days of active service with no lost time. Block 3 (Social Security No.) lists the contested SSN, XXX-XX-[REDACTED]. It also shows he was awarded or authorized the:

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Sharpshooter Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar
- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade

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

g. Section VII – Current and Previous Assignments of the DA Form 2-1, lists the applicant's record of assignments and will not be included on the DD Form 214.

5. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for awards that are not recorded on his DD Form 214. The awards will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. 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 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 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. Based on this the Board denied relief.
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. 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 FORMAL HEARING
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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.

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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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's service records show he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the service periods ending 19 December 1986. As a result, correct his DD Form 214 by adding the following awards:

- Army Achievement Medal
- Army Commendation Medal

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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