

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 17 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20230015028

APPLICANT REQUESTS:

- reconsideration of his previous request for correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the period ending 15 February 1980 to show his social security number (SSN)) as shown on his new social security card; and
- correction of his DD Form 214 for the period ending 15 February 1980 to show his name and date of birth as shown on his birth certificate issued on 21 September 2006.

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record under the Provisions of Title 10, U.S. Code, Section 1552).

FACTS:

1. The applicant states his DD Form 214 should show:
  - his first name as shown on his birth certificate
  - his SSN as shown on his new social security card
  - his day of birth as shown on his birth certificate
2. 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 AR20140014211 on 26 March 2015.
3. In preparation for enlistment in the Regular Army, he completed a DD Form 1966 (Application for Enlistment – Armed Forces of the United States), 27 January 1977, wherein he recorded in: item 1 (Name) – his first name spelled without the letter "O," item 2 (SSN) – the last three digits of his SSN as "[REDACTED]" and item 11 (DOB) – his day of birth as "[REDACTED]"
4. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve on 7 February 1977 under the Delayed Entry/Enlistment Program with a commitment to enlist in the Regular Army by 10 February

1977. He was discharged from the Delayed Entry/Enlistment Program and enlisted in the Regular Army on 10 February 1977. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement – Armed Forces of the United States) shows the following entries in:

- item 1 (Name) – his first name spelled without the letter "O"
- item 2 (SSN) – the last three digits of his SSN as "■■■"
- item 7 (DOB) – his day of birth as "■"

5. He was honorably released from active duty on 15 February 1980. He completed 2 years, 11 months, and 28 days of net active service during this period. His DD Form 214 shows the following entries in:

- item 1 (Name) – his first name spelled without the letter "O"
- item 3 (SSN) – the last three digits of his SSN as "■■■"
- item 5 (DOB) – his day of birth as "■"

6. A review of his military records revealed all applicable documents contain the name, DOB, and SSN shown on his DD Form 1966. Also, his military records do not contain a DA Form 3716 (Personnel Financial Record).

7. In his original application to the ABCMR, 26 March 2014, he stated there was a house fire that destroyed his original social security card; therefore, it had to be replaced. When the Social Security Administration replaced his social security card, they issued a new SSN showing the last three digits of his SSN as "■■■" (this is a lower number sequentially than his original SSN).

- He provided a copy of his State Certificate of Live Birth issued ■■■■■■■■ showing his first name spelled with the letter "O" and his day of birth as "■."
- He also provided a copy of his social security card showing the last three digits of his SSN as "■■■."

8. He did not provide correspondence from the Social Security Administration certifying issuance of a new SSN and the reason therefor.

9. On 26 March 2015 in Docket Number AR20140014211, the ABCMR denied his request for correction of his DD Form 214 to show the last three digits of his SSN as "■■■" vice "■■■." The Board determined there was an insufficient evidentiary basis for granting his requested relief.

#### 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 available evidence shows the applicant used the contested SSN, ending in 666 during his military service. The Board found no evidence he served under or used the requested SSN ending in [REDACTED] during his service. Although the applicant provides a social security card reflective of the last three digits of his SSN as "[REDACTED]," he did not provide correspondence from the Social Security Administration certifying issuance of a new SSN and the reason therefore. 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:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, 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 to amend the decision of the ABCMR set forth in Docket Number AR20140014211 on 26 March 2015.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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):

Under current ABCMR business practices, the applicant is authorized administrative correction of his DD Form 214 to show the following entries without Board action:

- item 1 – his first name spelled as shown on his birth certificate (one letter off)
- item 5 – his date of birth as shown on his birth certificate (one day off)

REFERENCES:

1. Army Regulation 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. Board members will review all applications that are properly before them to determine the existence of an error or injustice and direct or recommend changes in military records to correct the error or injustice, if persuaded that material error or injustice exists and that sufficient evidence exists in the record. The ABCMR will decide cases on the evidence of record; it is not an investigative body. 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.

2. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), effective 1 October 1979 and 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.

a. The general instructions stated personnel officers will use the following source documents when preparing the DD Form 214:

- DA Form 201 (Military Personnel Records Jacket)
- DA Forms 2 and 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Records)
- separation orders
- DD Form 4
- DA Form 3716 (Personnel Financial Record)
- enlistment records and DD Forms 214 for prior-service personnel
- any other available records

b. The specific instructions for item 3 stated to verify the accuracy with the SSN of record.

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