

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240001169

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) to show his social security number (SSN) as shown on the Social Security Administration letter.

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)
- DD Form 214
- Social Security Administration Letter, 16 November 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 the SSN shown on his DD Form 214 is incorrect.
3. On 25 November 1974 in preparation for enlistment in the Regular Army, the applicant completed a DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History) wherein he recorded his SSN as "[REDACTED]."
4. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 29 November 1974. Item 1 (Service Number/ Social Security Account Number) of his DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States) shows his SSN as "[REDACTED]."
5. Item 4 (SSN) of his DD Form 1584 (National Agency Check Request), 30 November 1974, shows his SSN as "[REDACTED]."
6. A review of his military records revealed all applicable documents contain the SSN shown on his DD Form 398.

7. He was discharged under honorable conditions (General) on 3 February 1976 under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200 (Personnel Separations – Enlisted Personnel), paragraph 13-5b(2) (Unsuitability). He completed 4 months and 29 days of total active service during this period. Item 3 (SSN) of his DD Form 214 shows his SSN as "██████████."

8. The Social Security Administration letter, 16 November 2023, verified he was issued SSN "██████████" in December 1972.

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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used the contested social security number during his entire period of service. The Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. Based on the service record and a preponderance of the evidence, the Board denied relief.

2. 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.

3. 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 social security number recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his social security number documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
M ■	■	■	DENY APPLICATION

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.

■

■

■

---

■

■

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 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.

3. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), effective 15 October 1973 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
- 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.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//