

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 October 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002217

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 31 March 1980 to show his social security number (SSN) as shown on his social security card.

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 Card, 10 January 2013
- Social Security Earnings Record Covering Work Years 1974 through 2022

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 AR20220004420 on 31 October 2022.
2. The applicant states he entered the military under his father's SSN in error that was overlooked by himself and the Department of the Army. He previously stated he cannot apply for Department of Veterans Affairs benefits due to this error.
3. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 6 April 1977. Item 2 (SSN) of his DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States) shows his SSN as [REDACTED]
4. His military records do not contain a DA Form 3716 (Personnel Financial Record).
5. He was honorably released from active duty on 31 March 1980 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement). Item 3 (SSN) of his DD Form 214 shows his SSN as [REDACTED]

6. His military records are void of any documents showing the requested SSN. His records show he used the SSN shown on his enlistment document throughout his military service and he authenticated multiple documents reflecting this SSN.

7. His social security card issued on 10 January 2013 shows his SSN as  
[REDACTED]

8. His Social Security Earnings Record covering work years 1974 through 2022 shows his taxed earnings under the requested SSN.

9. He previously provided his birth certificate showing his father's name as  
[REDACTED]

10. The Ancestry.com website contains a record for the applicant's father showing his father's SSN as [REDACTED] the SSN under which the applicant served.

11. On 31 October 2022 in Docket Number AR20220004420, the ABCMR denied his request for correction of his DD Form 214 to show the requested SSN. The Board noted the evidence of record shows the applicant used the contested SSN consistently throughout his period of active duty service. The documentation also reflected that he was issued a different SSN after his period of active duty service. The Board determined the evidence presented was insufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief.

#### 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
			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.

4/28/2025

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CHAIRPERSON  


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 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 considers individual applications that are properly brought before it. 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. The ABCMR members will 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.

2. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents), 15 August 1979, prescribed the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. This is the most vital document the service member will receive from the Army. Benefits which they may be eligible to receive as a result of military service will be based on the DD Form 214.

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

- DA Form 201 (Military Personnel Records Jacket)
- DA Form 2 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part I) and DA Form 2-1
- 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.

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