

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 5 September 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002459

APPLICANT REQUESTS: a correction to his social security number (SSN) on his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to reflect [REDACTED] (As of note, the entire SSN is incorrect and, in an effort to protect the applicant's Personal Identification Information (PII), only the last 4-digits are shown.)

APPLICANT'S SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD:

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge)
- Social Security card
- Birth Registration Certificate
- Army Commendation Medal certificate

FACTS:

1. The applicant did not file within the three-year time frame provided in Title 10, United States Code, section 1552(b); however, the 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, in effect, the social security number (SSN) [REDACTED] shown on his DD Form 214 is not and never has been his SSN. His correct SSN is [REDACTED]

3. The applicant provides:

- DD Form 214, covering the period from 19 July 1960 thru 1 December 1964, shows in item 32 (Remarks) "SSAN: [REDACTED]"
- Social Security card, which reflects his SSN as [REDACTED]
- Birth Registration Certificate, which is a true certification of name and birth facts as recorded in the Office of Registrar of Vital Statistics. [REDACTED]

- Army Commendation Medal certificate, which was awarded to the applicant for meritorious service from 7 December 1960 to 10 February 1962

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

a. He was appointed a second lieutenant (2LT) Reserve Commissioned Officer of the Army, with an effective date of 5 June 1960.

b. DD Form 214 shows he was discharged and transferred back to U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Reinforcement) on 1 December 1964, under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-120, separation program number 524. He completed 4 years, 4 months, and 13 days of net active service this period. Item 32 (Remarks) reflect "SSAN: [REDACTED] and item 34 (Signature of person being transferred or discharged) contains the applicant's signature.

5. The applicant's service number was used to identify the applicant throughout the entire period of his military service. It is consistently represented in the documents contained in his Military Personnel Records Jacket, including his DD Form 214. He authenticated many documents by placing his full signature in the appropriate block attesting to the correctness of his personal data, most notably on his DD Form 214. The requested social security number does not appear in his available military records.

6. AR 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents) prescribes the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It establishes standardized policy for preparing and distributing DD Form 214.

7. For historical purposes, the Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records. The data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created. In the absence of a showing of material error or injustice, there is a reluctance to recommend that those records be changed.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found relief is warranted.
2. The Board found the applicant has provided documentation confirming his correct SSN and found this documentation sufficient as a basis for making the requested correction. The Board determined the applicant's DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect the SSN shown on his social security card.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by replacing the SSN shown in block 32 of his DD Form 214 with the SSN shown on his social security card.

2/26/2025

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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. Title 10, United States 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 Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.

2. AR 635-5 (Personnel Separations – Separation Documents) prescribes the separation documents which are prepared for individuals upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. Paragraph 2-2 states, personnel officers will use the DA Form 201 (Military Personnel Records Jacket, MPRJ), DA Form 2 and 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Records), Separation Orders, DD Form 4/4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document – Armed Forces of the United States, DA Form 3716 (Personnel Financial Record), Enlistment records and DD Forms 214 for prior service personnel, and any other available records when preparing DD Form 214WS (Worksheet).

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