

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 25 November 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240002694

APPLICANT REQUESTS: in effect, correction of his DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, to show the social security number (SSN) listed on his Social Security Administration (SSA) card.

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

- DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Record
- DD Form 214
- SSA card

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, in effect, that his SSN is incorrectly listed on his DD Form 214. He used a different SSN after being discharged from the military and he is trying to file for Social Security retirement but there are no funds associated with the SSN account that he used during his military service.
3. The records shows he enlisted in the Regular Army on 9 February 1979, and his DD Form 4, Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement-Armed Forces of the United States, shows the contested SSN.
4. All the documents in his record that require the entry of the SSN show the contested SSN.
5. The applicant was discharged from active duty on 12 August 1980. The contested SSN is listed in Block 3, SSN, of his DD Form 214.
6. The applicant provides his SSA card which shows his SSN as ending in 1351.

7. Regulatory guidance states the DD Form 214 will reflect the record as it existed at the time of separation.

8. 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.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant's statement revealing he is using a different SSN after service and failing to provide a reason for the change in SSN, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a correction.

The applicant is advised that information reflected on the DD Form 214 is information correct at the time of separation. Based upon the applicant's statement, the Board found the information accurate at the time of separation.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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.

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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.

REFERENCES:

1. Title 10, USC, section 1552(b), provides that applications for correction of military records must be filed within three years after discovery of the alleged error or injustice. This provision of law also allows the Army Board for Correction of Military Records (ABCMR) to excuse an applicant's failure to timely file within the three-year statute of limitations if the ABCMR determines it would be in the interest of justice to do so.
2. Army Regulation 635-5 establishes the policy for preparing and distributing the DD Form 214. The regulation directs that the purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.

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