

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 12 November 2024

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240003095

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 6 May 1966 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)
- National Personnel Records Center Letter, 2 January 2024
- Social Security Card, 12 September 2017

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. His accurate SSN is [REDACTED]. He wishes to file a claim for veterans' benefits with the Department of Veterans Affairs.
3. His DD Form 47 (Record of Induction), 30 April 1964, does not contain an SSN.
4. He was inducted into the Army of the United States effective 7 May 1964.
5. His DD Form 398 (Statement of Personal History), 7 May 1964, does not contain an SSN.
6. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), audited 30 April 1966, does not contain an SSN.
7. His DA Form 669 (General Educational Development Individual Record), 21 April 1966, shows his SSN as [REDACTED].

8. He was honorably released from active duty effective 6 May 1966 and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve Control Group (Annual Training) to complete his statutory Reserve obligation. He completed 2 years of net active service during this period. Item 32 (Remarks) of his DD Form 214 shows his SSN as [REDACTED]
9. U.S. Army Administration Center Letter Orders U.S. Army Reserve E-0404091763, 14 April 1967, ordered him to active duty for training for a period of 13 days beginning 4 June 1967. His SSN is shown as [REDACTED].
10. His Standard Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records), 2 August 1989, shows he recorded his SSN as [REDACTED].
11. The remaining documents contained in his Official Military Personnel File identify him by his Army service number.
12. He provided his social security card, 12 September 2017, showing his SSN as [REDACTED].

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 most of the applicant's service records contain his Service Number, not his SSN. Two documents contain his SSN: U.S. Army Administration Center Letter Orders E-0404091763, 14 April 1967, lists his SSN as [REDACTED] and Standard Form 180 (Request Pertaining to Military Records), 2 August 1989, wherein he disclosed his SSN as [REDACTED]. His DD Form 214 lists his SSN as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (consistent with his Reserve order). The applicant provides a social security card that lists his SSN as [REDACTED]. The Board found insufficient evidence to amend his DD Form 214 for three reasons: First, there are too many inconsistencies regarding his SSN. Second, the Board found no evidence he served under or used the requested SSN. Finally, 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:

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:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
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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, 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 (Separation Documents), effective 13 August 1966 and in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents that must be prepared for Soldiers upon 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. The general instructions stated all available records would be used as a basis for preparation of the DD Form 214. The detailed instructions for item 32 (Remarks) stated

to transcribe the individual's social security account number (SSAN) from the DA Form 24 (Service Record) (replaced by DA Form 20) in the following manner:  
"SSAN 000-00-0000."

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