

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 27 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005548

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) for the period ending 15 November 1969 to show his Social Security Number (SSN) as [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Social Security Card
- DD Form 214, 15 November 1969

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 his SSN on his DD Form 214 is incorrect. He is requesting that it be corrected for future reference.
3. The applicant's complete military service record is not available for review. However, there are sufficient documents to conduct a fair and impartial review of this case.
4. The applicant provides a copy of his Social Security Card which shows the requested SSN, [REDACTED]
5. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 14 December 1967.
6. His DD Form 214 shows he was honorably discharged from active duty on 15 November 1969. His DD Form 214 shows the contested SSN, [REDACTED]
7. By regulation, in effect at the time, for the SSN, transcribe the social security account number from DA Form 2139 (Military Pay Voucher).

**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 using the contested SSN during the entire period of military service, the provided SSN card being issued in 2009 (when the applicant's service ended in 1969), and the lack of evidence showing what may have caused the wrong SSN to be entered in the record from the applicant, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to the SSN on the DD Form 214.

**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.

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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, 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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribed the separation documents prepared for Soldiers upon retirement, discharge, or release from active military service or control of the Army. It established standardized policy for the preparation of the DD Form 214. It provided a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The version in effect at the time stated for Item 3 (SSN), transcribe from DA Form 2139 (Military Pay Voucher).
3. Army Regulation 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, provides the policies and procedures for separation documents. It states for block 3, SSN, verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one SSN, list the other SSN of record in block 18 (Remarks).

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