

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 4 December 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240005799

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show his first name as [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Bureau of Vital Statistics Standard Certificate of Birth
- Social Security Number (SSN) Card
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer to Discharge)

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 that he would like his DD Form 214 corrected to reflect his correct first name of [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED], as listed in his birth certificate. He is requesting this correction so he would not have any issues with his burial benefits.
3. The applicant provides his Certificate of Birth and his SSN card as proof of identification and supporting documentation for the correction of his name.
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He enlisted in the United States Army on 18 October 1957. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment Record – Armed Forces of the United States) shows in Block 1 (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) the name F_, [REDACTED], a name different from that requested.

b. His service record provided a partial DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) that shows in Block 1 (Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) and Service Number) the name F____, [REDACTED], a name different from that requested.

c. His service record had two DA Form 24 (Service Record) also listing in Block 1 (Name and Service Number) the name F____, [REDACTED] Jr., a name different from that requested.

d. He was honorably released from active duty on 17 October 1960. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years of active service. Block 1 (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name) shows the name F____, [REDACTED], a name different from that requested.

e. The available service record also includes Letter Orders honorably discharging the applicant from the United States Army Reserves effective 30 September 1963. The name is listed as F____, [REDACTED]

f. The applicant's name was consistent throughout his service record showing F____, [REDACTED] a name different from that requested.

5. By regulation (AR 635-8), currently in effect, the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 1(Name) states "compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in block 18 (Remarks)."

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 request and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. The Board determined the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used the contested name during his entire period of service. Upon review of the applicant's request and available military records, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. Furthermore, the Board recommended the applicant seek assistance through the social security administration office for correction of his name and they will be able to merge the two variation of how the applicant's name is spelled, as well and notify the department of veteran affairs of

the correction. Based on this the Board determined relief was not warranted and 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 name recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his legal name documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	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.

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 635-8 (Separation Processing and Documents), currently in effect, the DD Form 214 is a summary of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of all current active, prior active, and prior inactive duty service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. The information entered thereon reflects the conditions as they existed at the time of separation. Block 1(Name) states compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in Block 18 (Remarks).

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