

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 22 January 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240006839

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show a different social security number (SSN).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- U.S. Army Reserve (USAR) Discharge Letter dated 23 February 1968
- DD Form 214
- Social Security 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 he would like his DD Form 214 corrected to reflect his correct SSN to show [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. A discharge letter dated 23 February 1968, shows the applicant was honorably discharged to the USAR with an effective date of 29 February 1968. The SSN shows [REDACTED], a number different from that requested.
 - b. His social security card dated 12 March 2009 shows [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].
4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

a. He was inducted into the Regular Army on 7 March 1962.

b. The applicant's SSN was consistent throughout his service record showing [REDACTED] a number different from requested.

c. He was released from the Regular Army on 5 March 1964. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 11 months and 29 days. It also reflects, in Block 32 (Remarks), his SSN as [REDACTED], a number different from that requested.

5. A review of the applicant's service record contains sufficient evidence to support administrative corrections that are not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 5 March 1964. This omission will be added to his DD Form 214 as administrative corrections and will not be considered by the Board.

6. By regulation (AR 635-5), in effect at the time, 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. The following entries will be made in item 32 when applicable: Transcribe Social Security Account Number from DA Form 24 in the following manner: [REDACTED]

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 petition and executed a comprehensive and standard review based on law, policy and regulation. Upon review of the applicant's petition and all available military records, the Board found no evidence of error or injustice sufficient to warrant correction of the applicant's records. The applicant consistently used the contested Social Security Number (SSN) throughout the entirety of his military service, and there is no indication in the official personnel file that an alternate SSN was ever recognized or authorized for use.

2. The Board recommends that the applicant contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) to resolve any discrepancies and request consolidation or correction of the SSNs in question. Once resolved, SSA can coordinate with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure consistency across federal databases. In the absence of verified documentation from SSA confirming a change or correction, the Board determined the overall merits of the case are insufficient to support relief. Therefore, relief is denied.

3. 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.

4. 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 SSN recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his SSN documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	XXX	XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found 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.

X //SIGNED//

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:

A review of the applicant's records shows he is authorized additional awards not annotated on his DD Form 214 for the period ending 5 March 1964. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 by adding: National Defense Service Medal (NDSM)

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 (Personnel Separations), in effect at the time, 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. The following entries will be made in item 32 when applicable: Transcribe Social Security Account Number from DA Form 24 in the following manner: "SSAN 000-00-0000."

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//