

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 18 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007009

APPLICANT REQUESTS correction of the deceased Service Member's (SM) 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)
- Social Security Number (SSN) Card
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge), for the period ending 7 November 1969
- Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Death
- Durable Power of Attorney of [REDACTED]

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 SM's SSN is incorrectly listed on the DD Form 214. She would like to have his DD Form 214 corrected to reflect the correct SSN of [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. The SM's SSN card shows XXX-XX-[REDACTED].
 - b. The Certificate of Death lists the SM's date of death as 23 March 2024 and SSN number as XXX-XX-[REDACTED]. The applicant is also listed as the SM's niece.
 - c. A Durable Power of Attorney shows the applicant, his niece, is listed as the SM's attorney in fact.

4. A review of the applicant's service record shows:

- a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 31 October 1968.
- b. The available service record includes a partial DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) with the SM's SSN listed as XXX-XX-[REDACTED], a number different from that requested.
- c. Additional documents available in the service record show the SM's SSN was listed consistently as XXX-XX-[REDACTED], a number different from that requested:
 - Special Order Number 135, 9 July 1969
 - Letter Order 8-67, 18 August 1969
 - Evacuation Orders Number 69-74, 21 August 1969
 - Special Orders 309, 6 November 1969.
- d. On 7 November 1969, he was honorably discharged from active. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 years and 7 days of active service. Block 3 (Social Security Number) lists his SSN as XXX-XX-[REDACTED].

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 3 (Social Security Number) states verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one social security number, list the other social security number 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 petition, and executed a comprehensive review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used the contested social security number during his entire period of service. The Board determined the overall merits of this case are insufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. Based on the service record and a preponderance of the evidence, the Board 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 social security number recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his social security number documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:XX	:XX	:XX	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.

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.

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, states 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 3 (Social Security Number) states verify accuracy by reviewing initial enlistment contract and/or application for appointment. If the Soldier has had more than one social security number, list the other social security number of record in Block 18 (Remarks).

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