

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 February 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007035

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of the social security number (SSN) on his DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) to show the requested SSN in lieu of the contested SSN.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- 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, in effect, his current SSN and the SSN listed on his DD Form 214 do not match; he has a new SSN.
3. The applicant enlisted in the Regular Army using the contested SSN on 31 January 1974. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract-Armed Forces of the United States) lists the contested SSN.
4. His DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) and DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record), which were created upon his entry on active duty documents his administrative data throughout his period of service, and both list the contested SSN. All documents in the service record list the contested SSN.
5. On 21 March 1975, the applicant was released from active duty under the provisions of Army Regulation 635-200, paragraph 5-37, Army Expeditious Discharge, with service characterized under honorable conditions, [general], and transferred to the United States Army Reserve. He completed 1 year, 2 months, and 21 days of net active

service this period. His DD Form 214, block 3 (Social Security Number) lists the contested SSN.

6. The applicant provided a social security card listing the requested SSN; however, this card was issued on 13 February 2023, many years after he was discharged from the military. He did not serve using this SSN.

7. There are no documents in the available service record listing the requested SSN.

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. The Board determined the evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The applicant used the contested social security number (SSN) 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. The Board recommended the applicant seek assistance through the social security administration office for correction of his social security number, where they can consolidate the two SSN and notify the department of veteran affairs of the correction. Based on this 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 SSN recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his SSN documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
XXX	XXX	XXX	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) 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 stated the DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active service. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. Block 3 states to transcribe the SSN at the time of separation from applicable documents.
3. The ABCMR decides cases on the evidence of record. The ABCMR begins its consideration of each case with the presumption of administrative regularity. The applicant has the burden of proving an error or injustice by a preponderance of the evidence.

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