

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 5 March 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240007690

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) and DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) to show his social security number (SSN) as [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].

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

DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record), 12 April 2024

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 should be corrected and he has not had help with the problem.
3. The applicant's service record shows:
 - a. He was inducted in the Army of the United States on 27 July 1966.
 - b. His DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) shows his SSN as [REDACTED].
 - c. Special Orders Number 44, dated 4 March 1968, Travel Orders, shows his SSN as [REDACTED].
 - d. General Orders Number 707, dated 1 April 1968, Bronze Star Medal Orders, shows his SSN as [REDACTED].
 - e. Special Orders Number 79, dated 15 April 1968, Travel Orders, shows his SSN as [REDACTED].

f. His DD Form 214, effective 26 July 1968, shows in Item 3 (SSN) as [REDACTED]

g. His DD Form 215, shows his SSN as [REDACTED].

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, the Board found that relief was 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. One potential outcome was to deny relief based on maintain historical data for the military records. However, upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board determined there are multiple source documents that consistently list the applicant's SSN as [REDACTED]. Specifically, his DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record) reflects this SSN, as do Special Orders Number 44 dated 4 March 1968, General Orders Number 707 dated 1 April 1968, and Special Orders Number 79 dated 15 April 1968. These documents provide compelling evidence that [REDACTED] is the correct SSN associated with the applicant throughout his service. In contrast, both his DD Form 214, dated 26 July 1968, and the subsequent DD Form 215 incorrectly list his SSN as [REDACTED]. Based on the preponderance of evidence in the official record, the Board determined that the applicant's DD Form 214 and DD Form 215 should be corrected to show his SSN as [REDACTED].

BOARD VOTE:

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XXX	XXX	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	XXX	DENY APPLICATION

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending his DD Form 214 for the period ending 11 April 1986 by showing his social security number as listed on his special orders and DA Form 20.

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 15-185 (Army Board for Correction of Military Records) prescribes the policies and procedures for correction of military records by the Secretary of the Army acting through the ABCMR. 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.
3. 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 preparation of the DD Form 214. The DD Form 214 is a synopsis of the Soldier's most recent period of continuous active duty. It provides a brief, clear-cut record of active Army service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge. For Item 3, transcribe the SSN from applicable documents.

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