

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 21 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008974

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his social security number on his military records

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States)
- DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge)
- DA Form 20 (Enlisted Qualification Record)
- Certificate of Live Birth
- Social Security Card
- National Personnel Records Center Letter

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 request to correct his social security number on his military records.
3. None of the documents in the applicant's military record, including but not limited the below listed records, contain the contested social security number:
  - DD Form 214 for the period ending 8 September 1972
  - DD Form 4 (Enlistment Contract – Armed Forces of the United States) dated 28 July 1972.
4. The applicant provides his social security card which list the requested social security number.

5. Army Regulation 635-5 (Separation Documents) directs that the purpose of the separation document is to provide the individual with documentary evidence of his or her military service at the time of release from active duty, retirement, or discharge.
6. For historical purposes, the Army has an interest in maintaining the integrity of its records. The data and information contained in those records should reflect the conditions and circumstances that existed at the time the records were created.

#### 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 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.
2. 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 Veterans Affairs of the correction. Based on this the Board denied relief.
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:

Mbr 1      Mbr 2      Mbr 3

:            :            :            GRANT FULL RELIEF

:            :            :            GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF

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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 (AR) 635-5 (Separation Documents), 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. Item 3 states verify accuracy with the SSN.

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