

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240008983

APPLICANT REQUESTS correction of her DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) to show a different social security number (SSN), [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED], the contested SSN.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Marriage License
- Divorce Decree
- Social Security Administration Letter, 29 May 2024
- DD Form 214, 7 May 1984

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 she was assigned a social security number at birth; however, she changed it to a different number for religious reasons. The new social security number was switched on 7 November 1988. Her previous social security number is no longer in use as verified by the Social Security Administration Letter.
3. A review of the applicant's service record shows:
 - a. She enlisted in the Regular Army on 29 December 1983. Her DD Form 4 (Enlistment/Reenlistment Document) shows the contested SSN.
 - b. Her DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record – Part II) reflects the contested SSN.

c. On 7 May 1984, she was released from active duty with an entry-level characterization of service. Her DD Form 214 shows she completed 4 months, and 9 days of active service with no lost time. She was not awarded a military occupational specialty. Block 3 (Social Security Number) lists the contested SSN.

d. The applicant's SSN was consistent throughout her service record the contested SSN, [REDACTED].

4. 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:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the applicant's statement for changing the SSN used during military service and that statement being corroborated by a supporting document in the record from the Social Security Administration, the Board concluded there was sufficient evidence to change the SSN reflected on the applicant's DD Form 214.

BOARD VOTE:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
:	:	:	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 Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's DD Form 214 by changing the SSN reflected to depict the requested SSN [REDACTED].

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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 635-8 (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).

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//