

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 18 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009019

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from Active Duty) to show:

- Block 1 (Last Name – First Name – Middle Name): [REDACTED]
- Block 3 (Social Security Number (SSN)): [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED]
- Block 4 (Date of Birth) [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Self-Authored Statement, dated 28 May 2024
- Identification Cards (6)
- Vehicle Registration Certificate
- Louisiana Certificate of Birth
- Doctor's Letter, dated 22 May 2024
- Medical Record
- Social Security Administration Benefits Verification Letter, 18 December 2023
- Funeral Program
- Family Photos

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 applicants states at the age of 43 during the birth of his daughter, he encountered challenges in obtaining his birth certificate because his mother never informed him of his last name, leading him to assume it matched his father's. His sister informed that he should try the name "Iron" and that was the right name. The applicant requests that his social security number, date of birth (DOB) and last name be corrected. The applicant has been homeless and unable to access benefits that could

greatly improve the quality of his life due to the errors in his record. He also COPD with a life expectancy of five years.

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

a. He enlisted in the United States Army on 30 December 1976. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement – Armed Forces of the United States) shows in the following blocks information different from that requested:

- Block 1 (Name (Last, First Name, Middle, Jr., Sr., etc.) the name [REDACTED])
- Block 2 (SSN) is listed as [REDACTED]
- Block 7 (Date of Birth) is listed as [REDACTED]

b. An DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) and other available documents in the service records shows the applicant's name, SSN, and DOB remained consistent throughout the service period.

c. On 27 February 1978, he was honorably discharged from active duty. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 1 month, and 4 days of active service with no lost time. It also shows:

- Block 1: [REDACTED]
- Block 3: [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED]
- Block 4: [REDACTED]

d. On 9 July 2012, a DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214) was issued correcting the following items:

- Block 1: [REDACTED]
- Block 4: [REDACTED]

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined partial relief was warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the available documentation showing the applicant's name and date of birth was previously amended by a DD Form 215, dated 9 July 2012, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting a change to those changes.

2. However, based upon the available documentation showing the applicant's SSN was entered incorrectly on the DD Form 214, the Board recommends changing the current SSN entry to reflect the requested SSN.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Board determined the evidence presented is sufficient to warrant a recommendation for partial relief. As a result, the Board recommends that all Department of Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the applicant's SSN to reflect [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED].
2. The Board further determined the evidence presented is insufficient to warrant a portion of the requested relief. As a result, the Board recommends denial of so much of the application that pertains to all other requested relief.

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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, 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.
 - a. Block 1(Name) states compare original enlistment contract or appointment order and review official record for possible name changes. If a name change has occurred list other names of record in Block 18 (Remarks)

- b. Block 4 (Date of Birth), self-explanatory by regulation.
- c. 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//