

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 May 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009162

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of the DD Form 214 (Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States) of his father, a deceased former service member (FSM), to reflect his middle name as A____ in lieu of D____.

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DD Form 214
- birth certificate
- Social Security Card
- driver's license
- death certificate

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 FSM's complete military service record is not available to the Board for review. A fire destroyed approximately 18 million service members' records at the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in 1973 and his records were potentially among those affected by the fire. NPRC was unable to locate his service records, and his case is being considered using the available evidence provided by the applicant.
3. The applicant states:
 - a. His father passed away on 6 June 2024, and his middle name is incorrect on his DD Form 214. It is listed as D____, but his middle name was A____. He has his father's Social Security Card and his birth certificate to prove this.

b. He was told by the cemetery director at the Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Verona, Pennsylvania that he needs this corrected in order to get his father's burial plate from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

4. The FSM's DD Form 214 shows:

- a. He was inducted into the Army of the United States on 22 January 1953.
- b. He completed 1 year, 4 months, and 17 days of foreign service in Korea.
- c. He was honorably released from active duty on 1 December 1954, after 1 year, 11 months, and 10 days of net active service and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve.
- d. His middle name is shown as D_____.

5. The applicant provided copies of the FSM's birth certificate, Social Security Card, driver's license, and death certificate, all of which show his middle name as A_____.

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. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military record, the Board determined the evidence presented does demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. The FSM's records are unavailable. Upon review of the applicant's petition and the FSM's supporting documents, the Board determined the overall merits of this case are sufficient as a basis for correction of the records of the individual concerned. The Board agreed per regulatory guidance adding the FSM's requested middle named to item 18 (Remarks) would meet the applicant's intent for correction. Based on this, the Board granted relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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:	:	:	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:XXX	:XXX	:XXX	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 the Army records of the individual concerned be corrected by amending the FSM's DD Form 214 for the period ending 1 December 1954, to show in item 18 (Remarks) : Also known As (A.K.A) the middle name as it appears on the FSM's birth certificate.

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 635-5 (Separation Documents), in effect at the time, prescribes forms to be used in the separation of Army personnel, to include the DD Form 214 (Report of Separation form the Armed Forces of the United States).

a. The general instructions state all available records will be used as a basis for the preparation of the DD Form 214.

b. The specific instructions for preparation of the DD Form 214 state in item 1 (Last Name-First Name-Middle Name) to enter the last name, first name and full middle name or names, if any.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//