

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 1 April 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240009346

APPLICANT REQUESTS correction of his DD Form 214 (Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge) to show a different social security number (SSN).

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- DVS Form 1 (New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services), 14 March 2005
- DD Form 214
- SSN Card
- Driver's License

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 at enlistment his SSN was entered incorrectly. He is currently in hospice care. He would like to have a military funeral and headstone; however, he noticed the social security number was wrong on his DD Form 214.
3. The applicant provides:
 - a. His SSN card shows the last 5 numbers are different from his DD Form 214.
 - b. A DVS Form 1 (New Mexico Department of Veterans' Services) shows on 14 March 2005, an application was submitted for Certificate of Eligibility for Veteran's Tax Exemption.
 - c. He entered active duty on 15 April 1955. He was honorably discharged from active duty on 10 January 1957. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 8 months, and 26 days of active service. It also shows:

- Block 3. (Social Security Number) – last five numbers are not correct
- Block 11a. (Type of Transfer or Discharge) – Discharge
- Block 11c (Reason and Authority) AR 635-212 – Discharge Unfitness and Unsuitability
- Block 13a. (Character of Service) – Honorable
- Block 15. (Reentry Code) – RE-3
- Block 17: (Term of Service) – 3

4. The applicant's available service record is very limited. There were sufficient documents remaining in the record to conduct a fair and impartial review of this case. This case is being considered using the available DD Form 214.

a. He entered active duty on 15 April 1955.

b. On 10 January 1957, he was discharged from active duty with an under honorable conditions (General) characterization of service. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 8 months, and 26 days of net service for the period. It also shows:

- Block 11a. (Type of Transfer or Discharge) – Discharge
- Block 11c (Reason and Authority) – AR 635-209, (Personnel Separations (Discharge Unsuitability) paragraph 3a
- Block 13a. (Character of Service) – Under Honorable Conditions
- Block 17. (Term of Service) – 3

c. The available DD Form 214 in the service record does not include a block for the SSN nor is the SSN listed in Block 32 (Remarks).

5. By regulation (AR 635-8), 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.

BOARD DISCUSSION:

After reviewing the application and all supporting documents, the Board determined relief was not warranted. The applicant's contentions, the military record, and regulatory guidance were carefully considered. Based upon the limited available records and the lack of an explanation from the applicant as to how the contested SSN was wrongfully entered into the military record upon enlistment, the Board concluded there was insufficient evidence of an error or injustice warranting relief.

BOARD VOTE:

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

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 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.

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