

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 6 June 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20240011789

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction to his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) for the service period ending 13 May 1985 to update the following:

- Block 1 (Name): name as listed on Decree for Change of Name
- Block 3 (Social Security No.): from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

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

- DD Form 149 (Application for Correction of Military Record)
- Decree for Change of Name
- Pennsylvania Commercial Driver's License
- Social Security Card
- Case Information
- Victim Assistance/ Incident Information Form for Identity Theft
- DD Form 214

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 his name was legally changed following his discharge by a court in Baltimore City, MD in mid July 1990. Additionally, his social security number was officially changed by the Social Security Administration in 2008 due to being a victim of recurrent identity theft offenses.

3. The applicant provides:

a. A copy of the Decree for Change Name shows him changing his name from E.P. to A.O.M.

b. His Pennsylvania Commercial Driver's License reflects the requested name.

c. His Social Security Card reflects his new social security number, which was changed due to identity theft. He also provides the case information and the Victim Assistance/ Incident Information Form for Identity Theft pamphlet pertaining to the case about identity theft.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 14 May 1982.

b. The applicant's service record consistently lists the contested SSN.

c. He was honorably released from active duty on 13 May 1985. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 3 years of active service. It also shows he was awarded or authorized:

- Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar (M-16)
- Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Hand Grenade Bar
- .45 Caliber Pistol
- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon

5. A review of the applicant's record confirms he is eligible for an administrative correction that is not recorded on his DD Form 214. The entry will be added to his DD Form 214 as an administrative correction and will not be considered by the Board.

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 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. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. Upon review of the applicant's petition and available military records, the Board found the applicant used the contested social security number 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. The Board recommends the applicant seek assistance directly from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to resolve the discrepancy and request consolidation of the two SSNs. Once corrected, the SSA can notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to

ensure consistency across federal records. Based on the service record and a preponderance of the evidence, the Board denied relief.

2. 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.

3. 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 social security number recorded in his military records and to satisfy his desire to have his social security number documented in his military records.

BOARD VOTE:

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

BOARD DETERMINATION/RECOMMENDATION:

Except for the correction addressed in Administrative Note(s) below, the Board found 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.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE(S):

A review of the applicant's service records show he is authorized an administrative correction not annotated on his DD Form 214. As a result, amend his DD Form 214 to show his name as reflected in the Decree for Change of Name, from E.P. to A.O.M.

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, 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.

a. Block 1 (Name) enter in all capitals, include "JR," "SR" or "II", if appropriate.

b. Block 3 (Social Security Number (SSN)). Enter SSN. Verify accuracy of the SSN with Item 3 of the DA Form 2A for enlisted and DA Form 4037 for officers. If any other letter than "V" is shown with the SSN on these forms, then verify with the soldier and his/her SSN card.

//NOTHING FOLLOWS//