

ARMY BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

IN THE CASE OF: [REDACTED]

BOARD DATE: 28 August 2025

DOCKET NUMBER: AR20250000749

APPLICANT REQUESTS: correction of his DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) 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)
- Louisiana State Identification Card
- Social Security Number (SSN) Card
- DD Form 214, 8 August 1980

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 that the SSN listed on his DD Form 214 is incorrect. He explains that he enlisted in the military at age 17 using his father's SSN. He would like to have his DD Form 214 corrected to reflect the correct SSN of [REDACTED] vice [REDACTED], the contested SSN.

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

a. He enlisted in the Regular Army on 8 August 1977. His DD Form 4 (Enlistment or Reenlistment Agreement – Armed Forces of the United States) shows in Block 2 (SSN) [REDACTED], a number different from that requested.

b. The available service record includes DA Form 2-1 (Personnel Qualification Record) with the applicant's SSN listed as [REDACTED], a number different from that requested.

c. The applicant's service record consistently shows the contested SSN, to include:

- SF 88 (Report of Medical Examination), 13 March 1980
- Orders 154-50, 2 June 1980
- Orders 198-50, 16 July 1980
- DD Form 215 (Correction to DD Form 214), 29 April 1981

d. On 8 August 1980, he was honorably transferred from active duty to the United States Army Reserve Control Group. His DD Form 214 shows he completed 1 year, 1 month, and 14 days of active service. Block 3 (Social Security Number) lists his SSN as [REDACTED].

BOARD DISCUSSION:

1. After reviewing the application, all supporting documents, and the evidence found within the military record, a minority of the Board found that relief was warranted noting older Veterans had many reasons for entering the armed forces under 18, a family name or nickname not the same as their legal name due to cultural norms, or a variety of other reasons. If the veteran used that towards Honorable service the propensity was to grant, while the majority of 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 review based on law, policy, and regulation. The evidence presented does not demonstrate the existence of a probable error or injustice. 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. 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:

<u>Mbr 1</u>	<u>Mbr 2</u>	<u>Mbr 3</u>	
:	:	XXX	GRANT FULL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT PARTIAL RELIEF
:	:	:	GRANT FORMAL HEARING
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.

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 635-8 (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//