



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

2 NAVY ANNEX

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Docket No: 6037-98

13 April 1999

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) HQMC memo 1760 MMSR-6J of 5 Apr 99
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 29 December 1981.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Pfeiffer, Mr. Cali and Mr. Dunn, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 April 1999 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken on the available evidence of record. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of the enclosures, naval records, and applicable statutes, regulations and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although it appears that enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner reenlisted in the USMCR on 30 September 1979 for two years in the grade of 1stSGT (E-8). On 24 August 1980 he was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60. He was honorably discharged on 29 September 1981 at the expiration of his enlistment. Petitioner became 60 years old on 30 July 1997.

d. At enclosure (2) is an advisory opinion from Headquarters Marine Corps which states, in part, as follows:

This Branch would have no objection to a correction of

(his) record to show retirement on 1 September 1981 vice discharge on 29 September 1981 and eligibility to receive retired pay on 30 July 1997.

e. The Board is aware that the Uniform Retirement Date Act, 5 U.S.C. 8301 requires that the effective date of any retirement be the first day of the month.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. Since he was in good standing in the Marine Corps Reserve and would have been retired if he had requested it, the Board agrees with the recommendation contained in the advisory opinion and concludes that the record should be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve in the grade of 1stSGT vice being discharged. Given the requirements of the Uniform Retirement Date Act the effective date of the retirement should be 1 September 1981. Since Petitioner is 60 years old, the Board further concludes that the record should show that he transferred to the Retired List on 30 July 1997.

The Board further concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand his status in the Retired Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that the transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 September 1981 in the grade of 1stSGT vice being discharged on 29 September 1981. The record should then be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired List on 30 July 1997.

b. That this Report of Proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and that the foregoing is a true and complete record of the Board's proceedings in the above entitled matter.

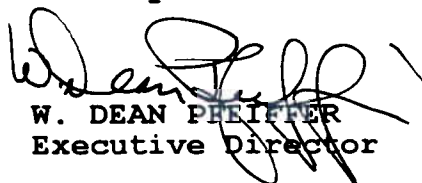
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Recorder



ALAN E. GOLDSMITH
Acting Recorder

5. Pursuant to the delegation of authority set out in Section 6(e) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of

Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(e)) and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director