



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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TRG
Docket No: 2547-02
11 April 2002

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) Case Summary
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Naval Reserve filed an application with this Board requesting that his record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 14 April 1975.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Pauling, Mr. Mackey and Ms. McCormick, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 April 2002 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 Petitioner's application 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 Naval Reserve for four years on 5 January 1971 in the rate of CTCR (E-7). He transferred to the individual ready reserve (IRR) on 12 July 1975. About two years later, he was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60. He was honorably discharged on 14 April 1975. He was apparently extended for a brief period while the command attempted to notify him that he had to request retirement. Petitioner became 60 years old on 14

February 1995 and is drawing his retired pay as a former member.

d. The Board did not request an advisory opinion in this case. However, the Board is aware that the Navy Personnel Command has routinely recommended corrective action in similar cases when an individual is qualified for reserve retirement and there is no explanation in the record why he was discharged and not retired.

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. The Board notes that Petitioner was in good standing in the Naval Reserve and would have been retired if he had requested it. Therefore, the Board concludes that he should be transferred to the Retired Reserve in the grade of CTCR. Given the requirements of the Uniform Retirement Date Act, the retirement should be effective on 1 April 1975, vice the discharge of 14 April 1975 now of record. Since Petitioner is over 60 years old, the record should be further corrected to show that he transferred to the retired list on 14 February 1995, his 60th birthday.

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 he transferred to the Retired Reserve effective on 1 April 1975 in the rate of CTCR, vice being discharged on 14 April 1975. The record should be further corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired List on 14 February 1995.

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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN
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.



For W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director