



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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TAL  
Docket No: 3170-14  
6 November 2014

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

Subj: [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552  
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case summary  
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his narrative reason for separation "Homosexual Conduct", be changed to "Secretarial Authority" per reference (b). He also impliedly requested that his Separation Program Designator (SPD) "HRB-1" (homosexuality) and "RE-4" (not recommended for retention) reentry code be changed.
2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Hedrick, Mr. Marquez and Mr. Sproul, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 29 October 2014 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the limited 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 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 enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 29 June 1992. He was not the subject of any disciplinary action during his enlistment. Based on the information currently contained in the record he made an admission to his commanding officer that he is homosexual.

Subsequently, he was administratively processed for separation by reason of homosexuality. His commanding officer forwarded his case and the separation authority directed an honorable discharge due to homosexual conduct. He was so discharged on 5 January 2000.

d. Reference (b) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the authority to grant requests to change the narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority", SPD code to "JFF-1", and to change the reentry code to an immediately eligible to reenter category of "RE-1J", when the original discharge was based solely on DADT or a similar policy in place prior to enactment of it and there are no aggravating factors in the record, such as misconduct.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of reference (b), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action in the form of relief.

The Board concludes that based upon his record of service and current Department of the Navy policy as established in reference (b), that relief in the form of his narrative reason for separation be changed to "Secretarial Authority", SPD be changed to "JFF", and reentry code be changed to "RE-1J".

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that the narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority" vice "Homosexual Conduct", that his SPD code be changed to "JFF-1" vice "HRB-1", and he was issued an "RE-1J" vice "RE-4" reentry code on 5 January 2000. Additionally, that he be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) is directed.

b. That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

c. That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 4 January 2013.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c) 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.



T. J. REED  
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 Regulation, 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.



ROBERT J. O'NEILL  
Executive director