



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 3821-14  
1 April 2014

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

Subj: [REDACTED]  
REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD (DECEASED)

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

Encl: (1) Subject's DD Form 149 dtd 25 Jun 13 w/attachments  
(2) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, who is deceased, is hereinafter referred to as Petitioner. His widow filed written application, enclosure (1), with this Board, requesting in effect, that the spelling of her late husband's last name be changed on his Notice of Separation from Service (NAVPERS 553) from [REDACTED] to "[REDACTED]", which was issued on 19 April 1946.

2. The Board, consisting of Ms. Bianchi and Messrs. Dixit and Gattis, reviewed allegations of error and injustice on 1 April 2014, 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 which were available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active duty on 8 December 1943. He was not the subject of any disciplinary action and a World War II veteran. He was honorably discharged on 19 April 1946. His last name is misspelled on his Notice of Separation from Service (NAVPERS 553), "JENSON" vice his actual name, "JENSEN".

c. His widow has been denied a headstone by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) due to the misspelling.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected by changing his name from [REDACTED] TO [REDACTED] on his Notice of Separation from Service (NAVPERS 553), which was issued on 19 April 1946.

b. That his record be corrected further by issuing a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and that this DD Form be inserted into his record at the National Archives at the following address:

National Archives and Records Administration  
Old Military and Civil Records (NWCTB-Military)  
Textual Services Division  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20408-0001

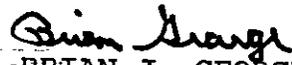
c. That any material or entries inconsistent with the Board's recommendation be corrected, removed or completely expunged from Petitioner's record and that no such entries or material be added to the record in the future.

d. That a copy of this Report of Proceedings be filed at an appropriate location in Petitioner's record held at the National Archives and Records Administration.

e. That the DVA be notified that the Board received this application on 28 March 2014.

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.

ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Recorder

  
BRIAN J. GEORGE  
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.



ROBERT D. ZSALMAN  
Acting Executive Director