



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 60-20
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER █
USN, XXX-XX █

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 (NR20200000060)
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to the discharge status listed on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) from "Discharge" to "Honorable Discharge." Enclosures (1)-(2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 October 2020, 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, relevant portions of his naval service 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 Navy and served from 23 May 1994 to 21 May 1998. Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) with an uncharacterized entry level separation upon his discharge following 3 years, 11 months, and 29 days of active duty. Following his discharge from active duty, Petitioner joined the Navy Reserve as a drilling Sailor.

d. In his application to the Board, Petitioner asks for his DD Form 214 to be reissued with an honorable discharge reflected.

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CONCLUSION:

The Board considered Petitioner's request, noted that he served the entirety of his active duty service obligation, and that he affiliated with the Navy Reserve upon his discharge from active duty. The Board concluded that Petitioner's "uncharacterized (entry level separation)" after completing nearly four years of active duty was an administrative error that should be corrected to reflect an honorable discharge.

Accordingly, the Board found that Petitioner should be issued a new DD Form 214 to reflect his period of honorable active duty service from 23 May 1994 through 21 May 1998.

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, showing that he was honorably discharged from the Navy on 21 May 1998, upon completion of required active service.

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

That, upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 26 December 2019.

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.

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.

12/18/2020

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]