



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 7370-21

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER █, █,  
XXX XX █, USMC

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) Case Summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that his characterization of service annotated on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect "Honorable."

2. The Board, consisting of █, █ and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 February 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include reference (b).

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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 28 August 1989. Petitioner subsequently completed this enlistment on 27 August 1993, with an honorable characterization of service.

d. Petitioner states that he is requesting "veteran's benefits," and cannot proceed with his current DD Form 214.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request merits relief. Additionally, the Board reviewed Petitioner's application under the guidance provided in reference (b).

After a thorough review of the record and all supporting documentation, the Board determined that Petitioner's record is in error. The Board noted that Block 24 (Character of Service) of the DD Form 214 inaccurately reflects Petitioner's character of service as "Discharged." In this regard, the Board determined that the error was administrative and concluded that Block 24 of the DD Form 214 should accurately reflect his characterization of service as "Honorable."

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an injustice warranting the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 to indicate that on 27 August 1993, Petitioner's characterization of service was "Honorable."

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

That a copy of 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.
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.

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Executive Director  
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