



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 0750-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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

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

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

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 his record be corrected to reflect “honorable” as discharge characterization of service on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 15 May 1986 to 8 August 1986. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board consisting of █, █, and █ reviewed Petitioner’s allegations of error and injustice on 14 February 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 the 25 July 2018 guidance from the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness regarding equity, injustice or clemency determinations (Wilkie Memo).

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 Reserves (USMCR) and began a period of active duty on 15 May 1986. On 8 August 1986, Petitioner was discharged with an entry level separation (ELS) discharge characterization of service by reason of completion of required active service. On 23 September 1988, Petitioner applied for the Marine Corps Officer Program. On

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5 January 1989, Petitioner began a second period of active duty service. On 20 March 1989, Petitioner was selected for the USMC Officer Course Program and assignment to active duty for training. On 14 August 1989, Petitioner accepted a commission as an officer. On 15 February 1993, Petitioner was honorably released from active duty by reason of completion of required active duty service. On 18 June 2001, Petitioner began a third period of active duty. On 30 September 2001, Petitioner was honorably released from active duty by reason of completion of required active duty service. On 20 May 2002, Petitioner began a fourth period of active duty service. On 20 July 2002, Petitioner was honorably released from active duty by reason of completion of required active duty service. On 5 December 2008, Petitioner was transferred to the USMC inactive reserves. On 23 November 2011, Petitioner was involuntary discharged from the USMCR with an honorable discharge characterization of service.

d. Petitioner's characterization of service (Block 24) of his DD Form 214 for the period of 15 May 1986 to 8 August 1986 contains an administrative error. Block 24 should reflect "honorable" vice "entry level separation."

e. Petitioner contends that he went to boot camp from 15 May 1986 to 8 August 1986 after which he timely reported to his reserve unit ([REDACTED]). He states that his DD Form 214 for the period incorrectly reflects "entry level separation" as characterization of service. Petitioner was accepted into OCS and was on active duty from 5 January 1989 to 15 February 1993 when he was honorably discharged. Petitioner is requesting this correction with the intent to buy back his military time for his federal government retirement.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted Petitioner's characterization of service (Block 24) on his DD Form 214 for the period of 15 May 1986 to 8 August 1986, incorrectly reflects "entry level separation" as characterization of service.

Notwithstanding, in light of the administrative error, the Board determined Block 24 of Petitioner's DD Form 214 should reflect "honorable" vice "entry level separation."

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting a period of service from 15 May 1986 to 8 August 1986, indicating "honorable" as the characterization of service, "MARCORSEPMAN Para. 1005" as separation authority, and "MBK2" as separation code.

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

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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.

3/2/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]