



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 1017-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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

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

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1552  
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)  
(c) UNSECDEF Memo OF 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Record following Repeal of U.S.C. 654)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 adjustment to his naval record to change his separation code, reentry code, and narrative reason for separation.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 23 February 2022, 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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 18 July 1994. On the same day, Petitioner's commanding officer requested expedient processing of his administrative separation proceedings.

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d. On 14 May 1996, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings due to homosexuality.

e. On 2 July 1996, Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service by reason of Involuntary discharge (no board required) due to homosexual admission, and issued a RE-4 reentry code.

f. Petitioner requests adjustment of his separation reason to Secretarial authority, separation code to JFF, and reentry code to RE-1J.

g. References (b) and (c) set 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 guidance to grant requests to change the characterization of service to "honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "secretarial authority," SPD code to "JFF," and reentry code to "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 references (b) and (c), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. In this regard, the Board noted Petitioner's overall record of military service and current Department of the Navy policy, as established in reference (b) and (c).

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating "secretarial authority" narrative reason for separation, "RE-1J" reenlistment code, "JFF" separation code, and "MARCORSEP 6214" separation authority.

Further, Petitioner be issued an honorable discharge certificate.

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.

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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.

3/7/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]