



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No: 1303-22

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

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

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149  
(2) Case summary  
(3) 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 current discharge status. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 9 March 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 Reserves for a period of 8 years, and agreed to complete a 4 year period of active service. Petitioner completed a period of honorable active service in the Marine Corps from 13 January 1998 to 11 January 2002, and transitioned to the Marine Corps Reserves.

d. Upon his separation from the Marine Corps, Petitioner was issued a Certificate of release or discharge from active duty (DD Form 214). Block 18 of the Petitioner's DD Form 214 notes Petitioner must inform his commanding general of any changes in his mailing address while

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serving on inactive duty. Block 19a of Petitioner's DD Form 214 lists the following mailing address: [REDACTED].

e. On 3 March 2003, Petitioner was involuntarily mobilized to active duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Mobilization orders were erroneously sent to the following address: [REDACTED]. The record reflects Petitioner's notification of mobilization orders were returned undeliverable.

f. On 5 August 2003, an attempt was made to notify the Petitioner of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings due to Petitioner's failure to inform his command of his current mailing address and phone number. The notification was forwarded to the following incorrect address: [REDACTED]. The notification was returned undeliverable.

g. On 19 December 2003, Petitioner's commanding officer recommended Petitioner's separation with an other than honorable character of service. On 9 July 2004, the discharge authority concurred with Petitioner's commanding officer. Subsequently, Petitioner was so discharged.

h. Petitioner contends he did not receive notification of his activation onto duty nor notification of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings. Petitioner contends he was an excellent Marine and did not know until recently that he received an OTH.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board noted the mailing address used to notify Petitioner of his mobilization onto active duty, and notification of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings do not match the last known mailing address provided by the Petitioner, listed on block 19a of Petitioner's DD Form 214. The Board noted Petitioner's command forwarded notification to the incorrect address; therefore, Petitioner's failure to report is due to no fault of his own. The Board determined as a matter of justice adjustment to Petitioner's record is warranted. As a result of the foregoing, the Board determined that a change to Petitioner's character of service, separation reason, reentry code, and SPD code is warranted.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action: Petitioner received an "honorable" character of service, "secretarial authority" narrative reason for separation, "RE-1J" reenlistment code, "JFF" separation code, and "MARCORSEP 6214" separation authority.

Additionally, the Marine Corps Total Force System to be adjusted to match the above recommendation.

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.

3/24/2022

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]