

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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> Docket No: 2842-22 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments

- (2) Case summary
- (3) Notice of separation from U.S. Naval Service (NAVPERS-553)
- 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 her father's Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected of the following errors: social security number (SSN), place of birth, eye color, weight at time of enlistment, rate, did not reenlist on 23 March 1949, was never stationed at honorably discharged from and was not in service (1953-1958). See enclosures (1) and (2).
- 2. The Board, consisting of particles allegations of error and injustice on 6 June 2022, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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's father, herein referred to as Service Member (SNM) enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve and entered active duty on 5 January 1943. He completed his term of enlistment, on 4 November 1945, with an Honorable characterization of service. SNM's rate and rank were Hospital Apprentice 1<sup>st</sup> Class (HA1c)/E-3. See enclosure (3).

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- d. Petitioner contends SNM's official military personnel file (OMPF) may have been confused with another servicemember of the same name, adding her father had blue eyes, weighed less than 150 pounds at the time of his enlistment, had a different place of birth/date of birth/rate/SSN, did not reenlist on 23 March 1949, was never stationed at honorably discharged from an another service at all from 1953 to 1958.
- e. Petitioner submitted copies of SNM's OMPF, State of Certification of Vital Records/Death Certificate, and a Certification of Military Service for Consideration.

## CONCLUSION:

In regard to the Petitioner's request to correct the aforementioned errors on SNM's DD 214, the Board determined relief is warranted based on the comingling of military records from another servicemember.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 consistent with enclosure (3).

No further changes be made to SNM's record.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in SNM'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 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.

