



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 3720-22  
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  
(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 changing his characterization of service on his DD Form 214 to Honorable. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 6 January 2023, 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 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 1 May 1989.

d. On 15 May 1989, a medical board determined Petitioner failed to meet regular physical standards for enlistment. The Board determined Petitioner was not aware of the defect and the defect was not detected or waived by MEPS. As a result, he was discharged on 26 May 1989 and issued a DD Form 214 that listed his character of service as "Entry Level Separation."

e. Petitioner requests that section 24 of his DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect an Honorable characterization of service.

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CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board determined that the Petitioner's record warrants partial relief. As explained above, his DD Form 214 incorrectly reflects "Entry Level Separation" for his characterization of service. The Board determined this constitutes an error and should reflect "Uncharacterized."

Regarding Petitioner's request for an Honorable characterization, the Board concluded relief is not warranted. Since Petitioner was processed for separation within his first 180 days of active duty service, the Board concluded an uncharacterized entry-level separation remains appropriate in his case.

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 his characterization of service as "Uncharacterized."

No other changes to his record are required.

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 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.

1/19/2023

