



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No: 3726-22
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █
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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 with attachments
(2) Case summary
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Marine Corps, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting, in effect, that his characterization of service Other Than Honorable (OTH) and narrative reason for separation "Homosexuality" be changed per reference (b). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 15 June 2022 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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, 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 waive the statute of limitations and review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner entered active duty with the Marine Corps on 19 August 1966. Petitioner was in an unauthorized absence (UA) status from 30 to 31 January 1967. On 27 April 1967, a summary court-martial (SCM) convicted Petitioner of two specifications of UA totaling 27 days. On 15 June 1967, Petitioner made a written statement admitted to his pre-service homosexual acts with members of the same sex. On 22 June 1967, Petitioner received a psychiatric evaluation and admitted to his involvement in homosexual activities prior to enlisting into the Marine Corps.

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Subsequently, Petitioner was notified of pending administrative separation action by reason of fraudulent enlistment based on concealment of preservice homosexual acts. After waiving his procedural rights, Petitioner's commanding officer (CO) forwarded his package to the separation authority (SA) recommending his discharge by reason of fraudulent enlistment, with an OTH characterization of service. The SA approved the recommendation and, on 5 October 1967, Petitioner was discharged with an OTH characterization of service by reason of homosexuality. Petitioner's final conduct and proficiency marks exceeded 4.0 for his enlistment period.

d. Petitioner contends that he has post-discharge good character that included two marriages, children, and successful employment.

e. Reference (c) sets 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 separation 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 reference (b) and (c), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. In this regard, while the Board noted that Petitioner's discharge was for fraudulent enlistment, the Board considered that Petitioner was discharged based solely on his admission of committing preservice homosexual acts. The Board also noted that Petitioner was assigned an OTH characterization of service despite possessing conduct and proficiency marks which qualified him for an Honorable characterization of service. Therefore, relief in the form of changes to his characterization of service, narrative reason for separation, separation code, separation authority, and reenlistment code are appropriate.

In view of the foregoing, the Board directs the following partial corrective action.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's record be corrected to show that on 5 October 1967, his characterization of service was "Honorable", his narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," reenlistment code was "RE-1J," SPD code was "JFF1," and his separation authority was "MARCORSEPMAN 13261.1f."

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 and a discharge certificate.

That no further changes be made to the record.

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.

6/30/2022

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