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[REDACTED]

e. On 5 July 2001, the [REDACTED] District Court granted Petitioner's request to change his name to [REDACTED] due to divorce.

f. On 14 August 2006 the [REDACTED] District Court granted Petitioner's request to change his name to [REDACTED] due to gender reassignment and in order to align with his gender identity.

g. On 30 November 2009 the [REDACTED] District Court granted Petitioner's request to change his name to [REDACTED] due to dissolution of a former domestic partnership and completion of his gender reassignment process.

h. In support of his request, Petitioner provided multiple forms of documentation to include his passport, driver's license, social security card, three court orders, two letters from his treating medical providers, and birth certificate.

i. Based on the guidance reflected in reference (b) from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense, former military personnel who have legally changed their name and sex, or are the subject of gender reassignment, may have their DD Form 214 changed to accurately reflect their present name and sex/gender. In this regard, the change may allow them to obtain various benefits, services, employment, etc., without being subject to otherwise invasive questions.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

In regard to Petitioner's name change, the Board noted Petitioner provided sufficient legal evidence to support his request. The Board found the legal actions taken by civilian authorities to change Petitioner's name to align with his gender identity, along with the provisions/guidance of reference (b), support a change to his DD Form 214 to reflect Petitioner's legal name.

The Board noted that typically a DD Form 215 would be issued to correct the record; however, the Board concluded a new and updated DD Form 214 is warranted to eliminate the possibility of invasive questions. The Board further concluded that no other changes should be made to Petitioner's record (including not making changes to gender identifiers), and that both the previously issued DD Form 214, and the new DD Form 214 bearing the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] should remain in the record for historical purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 and that Block 1 reflect the name [REDACTED] [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED]

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That Petitioner be issued an honorable 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, along with the previously issued DD Form 214 which reflect the name [REDACTED] and the updated DD Form 214 which reflect the name [REDACTED]

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 Regulations, 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.

7/28/2022

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Deputy Director

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