



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 6095-22  
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) OSD/DOD Name Change Provisions/Guidance

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments  
(2) Case Summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to their naval record, specifically, to correct the record to reflect a name change. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.
2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 26 August 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 the naval 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 Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.
  - c. At the time of Petitioner began active duty, Petitioner's legal name was ██████████. On 21 June 1993, Petitioner was honorably discharged from the Navy upon completion of required active service. In this regard, Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) based the name used during the entirety of Petitioner's service in the Navy, specifically ██████████.
  - d. After discharge from the Navy, Petitioner, who is a transgender woman, obtained a court order for a legal name change from ██████████ to "██████████" to align with her gender identity. In support of this request, Petitioner submitted: a judicial order from the

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[REDACTED]

Circuit Court, County of [REDACTED] directing the legal change of Petitioner's name from [REDACTED] name to "[REDACTED]" on 15 June 2018 and identifying Petitioner's address; a letter from Petitioner's doctor medically certifying Petitioner's gender and date of birth (DOB); and a [REDACTED] state driver's license with photographic identification issued to [REDACTED]."

e. Based on the guidance reflected in reference (b) from the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and Department of Defense (DOD), 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. However, the provisions/guidance only apply to the service-member's DD Form 214, and as such, no further changes will be made to the record, including changing gender identifiers.

#### CONCLUSION:

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

The Board observed that Petitioner provided sufficient legal evidence, including a court order, supporting this request. The Board found the legal and documentary actions taken by Federal and State authorities to change Petitioner's name to align with Petitioner's gender identity, along with the provisions/guidance of reference (b), sufficient to support a change to Petitioner's DD Forms 214 to reflect Petitioner's legal name.

In this regard, the Board noted that normally a DD Form 215 would be issued to correct the record, however, the Board concluded new and updated DD Forms 214 are 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 Forms 214 and the new DD Forms 214 bearing the name [REDACTED]" should remain in the record for historical purposes.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner's naval record, specifically, Block 1 of all DD Forms 214, be corrected to reflect the name [REDACTED]," instead of [REDACTED]."

Petitioner be issued new DD Forms 214, which reflect the name [REDACTED]

That no further changes be made to the record.

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[REDACTED]

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record, along with the previously issued DD Forms 214 which reflect the name [REDACTED]" and the updated DD Forms 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.

9/11/2022

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