



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No: 7290-22
Ref: Signature date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, █,
USN, XXX-XX-█

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

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

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 his naval record be corrected by changing his narrative reason for separation on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) to “hardship discharge.”

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner’s allegations of error and injustice on 19 December 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to the subject former member’s allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Before applying to this Board, the Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy.

b. Although the enclosure 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 29 August 1983.

d. On 16 January 1985, Petitioner requested a hardship discharge due to his divorce and him receiving legal custody of his children. On 30 January 1985, the Petitioner’s commanding officer recommended approval to his request for a hardship discharge. On 8 February 1985, the separation authority approved the Petitioner’s request for a hardship discharge with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of dependency.

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e. On 20 February 1985, Petitioner was Honorably discharged. Upon his separation from active duty, Petitioner was issued a DD Form 214 reflecting “released from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserves” as narrative reason for separation.

f. Petitioner is requesting the change to his record in order to obtain a certificate of eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board determined that there exists an administrative error which requires partial relief. The Board found, that Petitioner’s DD Form 214 incorrectly reflects “released from active duty and transferred to Naval Reserves” as narrative reason for separation vice “dependency.” Accordingly, the Board voted unanimously to provide partial relief and to correct the administrative error, in the form of changing his narrative reason for separation to that approved by the separation authority.

RECOMMENDATION

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215) for the period ending 20 February 1985, indicating “Dependency” as narrative reason for separation.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner’s record.

A copy of this report of proceedings shall 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 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

1/14/2023

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Exdcutive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]