



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 7906-22

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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
(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
(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 that his naval record be corrected to change his narrative reason of separation to Secretarial Authority with associated changes to his separation code, reentry code, and separation authority reference (b) and (c). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 January 2023 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, to include reference (c).

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 review the application on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and began a period of active service on 23 October 1991. On 26 February 1992, Petitioner submitted a statement admitting to the commission of homosexual acts with another male, whom Petitioner considered his partner. Petitioner's partner

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became ill, and Petitioner requested to be transferred to another duty station to be closer to his partner. On 2 March 1992, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason homosexuality due to homosexual admission, at which point, Petitioner waived his right to consult with counsel, and his right to a hearing before an administrative discharge board (ADB). The separation authority approved and directed Petitioner's discharge. Subsequently, Petitioner's commanding officer recommended Petitioner's separation. Petitioner was discharged on 3 April 1992, with an Honorable character of service by reason of homosexuality. He was issued a RE-4 reentry code and a SPD code of HRB.

d. Reference (c) set 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 discharge 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.

e. Petitioner states his discharge was unjust and solely based on homosexuality. Petitioner notes his record is free of any disciplinary actions, and he was an exemplary Sailor, which meets the requirements to correct his naval record.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of references (b) and (c), the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. In this regard, the Board noted Petitioner's overall record of military service and current Department of the Navy policy.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating a "Secretarial Authority" narrative reason for separation, "RE-1J" reenlistment code, "JFF" separation code, and "MILPERSMAN 1910-164" separation authority.

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

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

2/6/2023

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]