



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 1202-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER [REDACTED], USN,
[REDACTED] [CURRENTLY [REDACTED]]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552
(b) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018 (Wilkie Memo)

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with 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 late father's naval record be corrected to make an administrative change to his DD Form 214 equivalent to reflect the correct full name.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 19 May 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 (b).

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 interests of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. The Petitioner's father originally enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active service on 31 March 1944. At the completion of his active obligated service, on 18 January 1946, Petitioner's father was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service. His original service number was [REDACTED].

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d. The name as it appeared on his "Notice of Separation from U.S. Naval Service" (NAVPERS-553) and throughout his service record was "[REDACTED]" which misspelled both the middle and last names. However, the Petitioner's late father's correct full name was "[REDACTED]." (emphasis added)

e. The Petitioner provided a copy of his late father's [REDACTED] birth certificate and [REDACTED] death certificate, both reflecting his correct full name of "[REDACTED]."

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted that the Petitioner's late father's name as reflected in certain service record documents was incorrect.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of a material error warranting 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), that reflects the following change: Petitioner's name be changed to "[REDACTED]" in lieu of the incorrect name.

That Petitioner be issued a new Honorable discharge certificate in the name of [REDACTED] reflecting a discharge date of 18 January 1946.

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 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.

5/26/2023

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Executive Director

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