



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 1542-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █
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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

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 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect his current last name.

2. The Board, consisting of █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 April 2023 and pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 his naval service records, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.

3. Before applying to this Board, Petitioner exhausted all administrative remedies available under existing law and regulations within the Department of the Navy. Although enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice, finds as follows:

a. Petitioner enlisted in the Navy and entered active duty on 21 December 1964. He completed his period of Honorable service on 19 April 1968. At the time of his Navy service, Petitioner's last name was █

b. Petitioner legally changed his last name from █ to █ on 30 April 1987. Petitioner submitted a District Court of █ Order documenting his name change for consideration. He is requesting the records change to get his military records updated with his new name.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. While the Board found no error with Petitioner's record, they concluded it was in the interests of justice to make the requested change to Petitioner's DD Form 214 to facilitate his access to veterans' benefits.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and discharge certificate indicating his name as [REDACTED]

No further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

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

4/27/2023

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