



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 4176-23

Ref: Signature date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ██████████,  
USN, ██████████

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), Petitioner filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting an adjustment to his discharge documents to change the race listed on his discharge documents. Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 27 November 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, 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 enclosure (1) was not filed in a timely manner, it is in the interest of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. On 4 June 1951, Petitioner submitted an application for enlistment into the Navy and indicated his race as "Neg." Petitioner enlisted in the Naval Reserves and began a period of active duty on 10 July 1951. Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable character of service on 19 May 1955.

d. Upon his discharge, Petitioner was issued a Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 214). Block 12 of his DD Form 214 erroneously annotates his race as "Cau".

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e. Petitioner contends his "Race should be Negro".

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of the evidence of record and reference (b), the Board determined Petitioner's record warrants relief. As noted previously, Petitioner's DD Form 214 erroneously lists his race as "Cau" vice "Neg."

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Report of Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States (DD Form 215), for the period ending on 19 May 1955, which indicates his race as "Neg" in block 12, "Race."

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.

12/15/2023

