



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
701 S. COURTHOUSE ROAD, SUITE 1001
ARLINGTON, VA 22204-2490

██████████
Docket No. 4186-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF ██████████
██████████

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 her naval record be corrected to change her discharge documents in accordance with reference (b) and (c). Enclosure (2) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 31 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 references (b) and (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 commenced a period of active duty on 20 October 1967.

d. On 13 May 1968, Petitioner submitted a statement admitting to the commission of homosexual acts while on active service. As a result of the foregoing, on 10 June 1968, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of unfitness based on her homosexual admission and provided an opportunity to request a discharge in lieu of trial by court-martial. Petitioner waived her right to consult with counsel and requested to be discharged for the good of the service. Subsequently, Petitioner's commanding officer recommended her separation with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) character of service by reason of homosexual conduct. However, the separation authority directed that Petitioner be discharged with an undesirable (Other Than Honorable) discharge. Ultimately, Petitioner was discharged, on 18 July 1968, with an undesirable character of service by reason of unfitness.

e. References (b) and (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.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, and especially in light of reference (c), the Board determined that full relief is warranted. The Board did not find any aggravating factors in Petitioner's record and noted Petitioner's discharge was solely based on her homosexual conduct.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 indicating a characterization of service of "Honorable," narrative reason for separation of "Secretarial Authority," separation code of "JFF," separation authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," and reentry code of "RE-1J."

Further, Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

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

6/13/2023

