



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 4440-23
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, █ [PRESENTLY █]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) Office of the Secretary of Defense/Department of Defense Name Change
Provisions/Guidance

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 her naval record be corrected to reflect a name change.

2. The Board consisting of █, and █ reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 5 June 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, 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 began a period of active duty on 25 May 2011. At the time of her enlistment, Petitioner received and signed an enlistment contract with name listed as █
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b. On 5 November 2019, Petitioner was discharged with an honorable character of service by reason of completion of required active service. At the time of her discharge, Petitioner was issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting the name █
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c. On 6 September 2022, Petitioner received a court order from the District Court of Clark County, █ authorizing a name change from █ to "█"
█" to conform with her gender identity.

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CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants favorable action:

The Board noted Petitioner has provided legal evidence supporting her request. The Board found the legal actions taken by civilian authorities to change Petitioner's name to align with her gender identity, along with the provisions/guidance of reference (b),¹ support a change to Petitioner's DD Form 214. In this regard, the Board noted that normally a DD Form 215 would be issued to correct the record, however, the Board concluded a new DD Form 214 is warranted to eliminate the possibility of invasive questions. Further, the Board concluded that no other changes should be made to Petitioner's record, and that both the previously issued DD Form 214 bearing the name [REDACTED] and the new DD Form 214 bearing the name [REDACTED] should remain in the record for historical purposes.

RECOMMENDATION

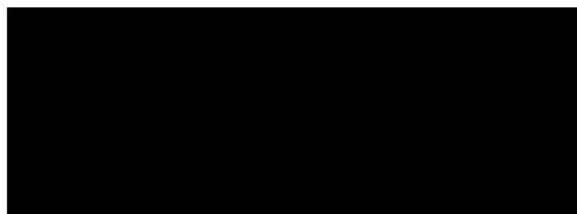
In view of the above, the Board directs the following corrective action:

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 reflecting the name [REDACTED] instead of [REDACTED]. Petitioner will also be issued a new honorable discharge certificate reflecting the name of [REDACTED].

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record, along with the previously issued DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED] and the updated DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED].

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.

6/21/2023



¹ Reference (b), from the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Department of Defense, former military personnel who have legally changed their name and sex, or are the subject of gender reassignment, may have their DD Form 214 changed to accurately reflect their present name and sex/gender. In this regard, the change may allow them to obtain various benefits, services, employment, etc., without being subject to otherwise invasive questions.