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Docket No. 6753-23

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

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USN, XXX-XX-██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)
(c) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654)

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 an upgrade in characterization of service to Honorable.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 17 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, 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, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 29 October 1988. On 22 April 1991, Petitioner voluntarily completed a Military Suspect's Acknowledgement and Waiver of Rights wherein he stated he was a homosexual. He was then notified of administrative board procedures, on 22 May 1991, and waived all rights available to him in this process. His commanding officer recommended a General (Under Honorable Conditions)

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(GEN) discharge due to his admission of homosexuality and, on 15 July 1991, he was discharged for homosexuality, under separation code HRB, with a reenlistment code of RE-4, and GEN characterization of service.

d. Petitioner has no history of misconduct in his official naval record, and earned military bearing and overall trait averages of 3.8/3.8 during his service; scores which qualified for a fully HON discharge.

e. Petitioner contends (1) he was discharged under Don't Ask Don't Tell, (2) he was a model Sailor and should never have received the type of discharge he received, (3) his leadership was very homophobic when he admitted his sexual orientation, and (4) he served his country honorably, and wants his records corrected to show that before he leaves this world. In support of his application he submitted his DD Form 214, DD Form 173/2, and his Enlisted Performance Evaluation Report.

f. Reference (c) sets 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 normally grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," separation 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, the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board reviewed the application under the guidance provided in references (b) and (c).

The Board noted Petitioner was discharged based solely on his admission of homosexuality and found no evidence of aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board found that it was in the interests of justice to upgrade his characterization of service to Honorable and change his narrative reason for separation, separation code, separation authority, and reentry code consistent with the guidance provided in reference (c).

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 indicating he was discharged on 15 July 1991, with a characterization of service of "Honorable," a narrative reason for discharge of "Secretarial Authority," authority of "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," separation code "JFF," and a reentry code of "RE-1J."

Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

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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 a quorum was present at the Board's review and deliberations, and 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.

11/21/2023

