



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8157-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

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

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 that her naval record be corrected in accordance with references (b) and (c).

2. The Board, consisting of █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 13 November 2023 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 included 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 began a period of active duty on 23 July 1997. On 8 April 1999, Petitioner admitted to her homosexual orientation. On 20 May 1999, Petitioner was notified of the initiation of administrative separation proceedings by reason of homosexuality and waived her procedural rights. On 23 May 1999, the Petitioner's commanding officer recommended that she be administratively separated from the Navy with an Honorable discharge characterization of service by reason of homosexuality. Subsequently, the separation

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authority approved and ordered that Petitioner be administratively separated from the Navy with an Honorable discharge characterization by reason of "Homosexual Conduct Admission" and assigned an RE-4 reenlistment code. Petitioner was so discharged on 13 July 1999.

d. Petitioner served honorably for almost two years before she admitted to homosexual orientation and there is no misconduct noted in her record.

e. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Defense'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 guidance to grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," SPD code to "JFF," and reenlistment 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 references (b) through (c), the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted no misconduct in Petitioner's record and concluded that she was solely discharged on the basis of her homosexual orientation. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled to full relief under reference (c).

The Board noted that Petitioner request Department of Veterans Affairs benefits as part of her application but concluded this request was beyond its statutory authority to grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 indicating that, on 13 July 1999, her narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," separation code was "JFF," and reentry code was "RE-1."

That 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.

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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 Regulations, 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.

11/19/2023

