



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No. 10219-23

Ref: Signature Date

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

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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, a former enlisted member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, filed enclosure (1) requesting an administrative change to his Armed Forces of the United States Report of Transfer or Discharge (DD Form 214) to reflect his rank and date of appointment.

2. The Board, consisting of █, █, and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 26 January 2024, and, pursuant to its regulations, determined that 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 interests of justice to review the application on its merits.

c. The Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and began an indefinite period of service on 22 October 1951. On 21 October 1953, Petitioner was separated from the Marine Corps Reserve with an Honorable characterization of service and transferred to the "standby" Marine Corps Reserve. Ultimately, Petitioner was discharged from the standby Marine Corps Reserve, on 8 October 1959, with an Honorable characterization of service.

d. The rank and date of appointment as reflected in block 3 on Petitioner's DD Form 214 is "Sgt 1Jun52."

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e. Petitioner provided a copy of a Naval Speed Letter dated 30 December 1953 (NSL) noting that Marine Corps Special Order 248-53 (MCSO) authorized Petitioner's promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant, but that there was no indication Petitioner was ever promoted. Under the authority of the MCSO, the NSL directed Petitioner's promotion to Staff Sergeant without any retroactive pay or allowances. Petitioner also provided a copy of a signed certificate dated 1 March 1954 (DD Form 216MC), documenting his promotion to the rank of Staff Sergeant as of 1 October 1953 under the authority of the MCSO.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted that the rank, and date of rank/appointment as reflected on Petitioner's DD Form 214 are both erroneous and require correction.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action.

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), to indicate that his rank/grade, and date of appointment in Block 3 is changed to "SSGT 01 Oct 1953." Per the NSL, this promotion is effective without any retroactive pay or allowances.

Following the correction to the DD Form 214 indicating the correct rank/grade and date of appointment, that all other information currently listed on such DD Form 214 (as previously amended by a DD Form 215 dated 2 October 2019), remains the same.

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 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.

2/1/2024

