

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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> Docket No. 780-24 Ref: Signature Date

From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records

To: Secretary of the Navy

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USMC

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), Subject, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, filed enclosure (1) with the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board), requesting that "substandard performance" be removed from his Certificate of Release of Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214).
- 2. The Board, consisting of \_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 28 February 2024, 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, applicable statutes, regulations, and 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 interest of justice to review the application on its merits.
- c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps on 28 July 1978. Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) on 7 February 1979, for disrespect towards a non-commissioned officer, disobeying a lawful order, and communicating a threat.
- d. Unfortunately, documents pertinent to Petitioner's administrative separation are not in the official military personnel file (OMPF). Notwithstanding, the Board relies on a presumption of regularity to support the official actions of public officers and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, will presume that they have properly discharged their official duties.

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The Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214), reveals that he was separated from the Marine Corps on 18 April 1979 with a General (Under Honorable Conditions) (GEN) characterization of service, separation code is "JFG2," and reenlistment code is "RE-3C."

e. Petitioner contends the words "Substandard Performance" were illegally added to the remarks section of his DD Form 214 after the original copy was signed and issued at the time of discharge. He further contended, that it is clear it was added after the fact because the font is different.

## CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, the Board determined it was in the interests of justice that his record has the correct DD Form 214. The Board noted there are two different DD Form 214s in his record. Therefore, the Board concluded the Marine Corps shall remove the DD Form 214 that reflects "Substandard Performance" in the remarks section.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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

That the Marine Corps remove the DD Form 214 reflecting "Substandard Performance" from Petitioner's naval record and forward him the correct DD Form 214.

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.
- 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.

