

**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS**

Application for the Correction of
the Coast Guard Record of:

**FINAL DECISION
BCMR Docket No. 2017-256**

SUMMARY OF THE RECORD

The applicant asked the Board to correct the narrative reason for separation on her DD 214 from Homosexual Admission to Secretarial Authority; change the separation code from JRB to JFF; and change the reentry code from RE-4 to RE-1. She stated that while on active duty in 1994 she made a verbal admission of homosexuality and was subsequently discharged solely because of the military policies in place at the time regarding homosexual conduct. The applicant alleged that she did not commit any misconduct and that her discharge was based entirely on her homosexual admission. Her DD 214 shows that she was discharged under honorable conditions on August 12, 1994, for homosexual admission, with a JRB separation code, and an RE-4 (ineligible for reenlistment) reentry code.

The Coast Guard recommended that the Board grant relief because the repeal of Don't Ask/Don't Tell (DADT) has made the applicant's separation and reentry codes and narrative reason for separation inconsistent with current policies and procedures. The Coast Guard stated that she should be issued a new DD 214 with the following corrections: the separation authority should be COMDTINST M1000.6A Article 12-B-12; the narrative reason for separation should be "Secretarial Authority"; the separation code should be "JFF"; and the reentry code should be RE-1 (eligible for reenlistment). The applicant agreed with the Coast Guard's recommendations.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The applicant's record shows that she was discharged from the Coast Guard in 1994 pursuant to then-extant policy after admitting to being homosexual and that there were no other factors in issue. Although the applicant did not apply to the Board within three years of the repeal of DADT, the Board finds that it is in the interest of justice to excuse the untimeliness of her application because of the strong merits of her request. The Board finds that the disclosure of her sexual orientation on her DD 214, which she must show to others to prove her honorable military service for purposes of employment and veterans' benefits, constitutes a significant injustice. Therefore, relief should be granted.

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ORDER

The application of former [REDACTED], USCG, for correction of her military record is granted. The Coast Guard shall issue her new DD 214 with the following corrections:

- The Separation Authority in block 25 shall be COMDTINST M1000.6A Article 12-B-12.
- The Separation Code in block 26 shall be JFF.
- The Reentry Code in block 27 shall be RE-1.
- The Narrative Reason for Separation in block 28 shall be Secretarial Authority.

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