



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS

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Docket No: 2541-00

8 June 2000

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF [REDACTED]

Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Subject's naval record

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve vice being discharged on 6 March 1999.

2. The Board, consisting of Mr. Carlson, Mr. Neuschafer and Mr. Exnicios, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 7 June 2000 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, naval records, and 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. Enclosure (1) was filed in a timely manner.

c. Petitioner reenlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on 6 March 1995 for four years. Apparently, he extended that enlistment for an additional period of one year. The record shows that he was promoted to 1stSGT (E-8) on 1 December 1997. An administrative remarks (page 11) entry dated 6 February 2000 states that he requested retirement effective 1 March 2000. On 18 February 2000 he was issued a Notification of Eligibility for Retired Pay at Age 60. He was honorably discharged on 6 March 2000 at the expiration of his enlistment, as extended.

d. The Board did not request an advisory opinion in this case. However, the Board is aware that Headquarters Marine Corps

has routinely recommended favorable action in similar cases when an individual is eligible for reserve retirement and there is no explanation in the record why they were discharged and not retired.

e. The Board is aware that the Uniform Retirement Date Act, 5 U.S.C. 8301, requires that the effective date of any retirement be the first day of the month.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action. The Board notes that Petitioner was in good standing in the Marine Corps Reserve and would have been retired if his application had been properly processed. Given the circumstances of the case and the requirements of the Uniform Retirement Date Act, the Board concludes that the record should be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 March 2000 in the grade of 1stSGT.

The Board further concludes that this Report of Proceedings should be filed in Petitioner's naval record so that all future reviewers will understand his status in the Marine Corps Reserve.

RECOMMENDATION:

a. That Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that he transferred to the Retired Reserve on 1 March 2000 in the grade of 1stSgt vice being discharged on 6 March 2000.

b. That 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.

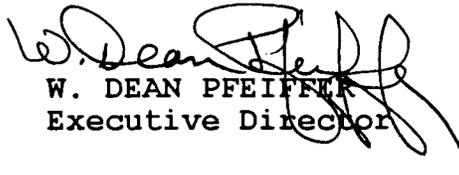
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Recorder



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Acting Recorder

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.


W. DEAN PFEIFFER
Executive Director