



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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[REDACTED]  
Docket No: 385-17  
DEC 20 2017

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] USN, 083-74-0653

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

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 (NR20170000385)  
(2) Case summary

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former enlisted member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting a change to her name on her Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].
2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 16 October 2017, 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 her naval service 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. 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. On 28 September 2003, Petitioner was discharged from the Navy. Petitioner's DD Form 214 shows that Petitioner's name at the time of her discharge was [REDACTED].
  - d. Petitioner asks that her DD Form 214 be corrected to show the name [REDACTED] and submits a Court Order from the Civil Court of the City of [REDACTED] supporting her request. On 14 July 2016, the Civil Court of the City of [REDACTED] ordered that Petitioner "shall be known by the name (First) [REDACTED] (Middle) [REDACTED] (Last) [REDACTED] which s/he is hereby authorized to assume."
  - e. The Board noted that Petitioner did not assert a specific basis for the change to her name, but found that in consideration of the Court Order, her DD Form 214 should be corrected to reflect her current legal name

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f. The Board, in its review of Petitioner's service record and application, carefully weighed all factors and determined that Petitioner is entitled to full relief.

#### CONCLUSION:

In accordance with the foregoing, the Board concludes that Petitioner's DD Form 214 should be changed to reflect Petitioner's legal name of [REDACTED] and that Petitioner be reissued a new and updated DD Form 214.

In this regard, the Board noted that normally a DD Form 215 would be issued to correct the record, however, the Board concluded that a new and updated DD Form 214 is warranted to eliminate the possibilities of invasive questions. The Board further concluded that no other changes should be made to Petitioner's record, and that both the previously issued DD Form 214 bearing the name of [REDACTED] and the new DD Form 214 bearing the name [REDACTED] should remain in the record for historical purposes.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner's naval record, specifically, Block 1 of the DD Form 214, be corrected to reflect the name [REDACTED]. That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED]. That no further changes be made to the record.

That a copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record, along with the previously issued DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED] and the updated DD Form 214 which reflects the name [REDACTED].

That upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received on 17 January 2017.

4. Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the revised Procedures of the Board for Correction of Naval Records (32 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 723.6(c)) 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.

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] USN, [REDACTED]

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.

[REDACTED]  
Executive Director