



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No: 633-17  
JAN 03 2018

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER [REDACTED] USNR,  
[REDACTED]

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments  
(2) NAVPERS 601-14

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former sailor, filed enclosure (1) with this Board requesting that his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) be corrected to reflect his honorable characterization of service. Enclosure (1) applies.

2. The Board, consisting of [REDACTED] reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 31 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 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. Petitioner was issued a DD Form 214 with a blank block 13a.

c. Petitioner's service record, specifically his "Record of Discharge, Release from Active Duty, or Death" form NAVPERS 601-14, reflects his honorable discharge. See enclosure (2).

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants favorable action.

The Board notes it was administrative error to leave Petitioner's "character of service", block 13a on his DD Form 214, blank.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner's naval record be corrected to show that his characterization of service was honorable when discharged on 26 October 1966.

Petitioner shall be issued a new DD Form 214.

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

Upon request, the Department of Veterans Affairs be informed that Petitioner's application was received by the Board on 24 January 2017.

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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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.

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Executive Director