



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No. 1518-24

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF ██████████  
██████████, USN, ██████████

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. §1552  
(b) 10 U.S.C. 654 (Repeal)  
(c) UNSECDEF Memo of 20 Sep 11 (Correction of Military Records Following Repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654)

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 his DD Form 214 be changed in light of references (b) and (c).

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████ and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error on 22 March 2024, 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 his 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. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Navy and began a period of active duty on 17 March 1981. On 25 September 1981, Petitioner submitted a statement admitting to his homosexuality and stating a desire to be discharged from the naval service in order to live a normal life. As result, Petitioner was administratively processed for administrative separation due to homosexuality and conditionally waived his associated rights. Ultimately, the Separation Authority directed his separation for homosexuality with a type warranted by service record discharge. Petitioner was

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discharged with a General characterization of service, on 9 December 1981, due to homosexuality.

d. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Navy's current policies, standards, and procedures for correction of military records following the "don't ask, don't tell" (DADT) repeal of 10 U.S.C. 654. It provides service Discharge Review Boards with the guidance to normally grant requests to change the characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," the separation code to "JFF," and the reentry code to "RE-1J," when the original discharge was based solely on DADT or a similar policy in place prior to enactment of it and there are no aggravating factors in the record, such as misconduct.

#### CONCLUSION:

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

The Board noted Petitioner was discharged for homosexuality with no aggravating factors in his record. Therefore, the Board found that it was in the interests of justice to grant Petitioner full relief under reference (c).

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending 9 December 1981, indicating that Petitioner's characterization of service was "Honorable," narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," the SPD code assigned was "JFF," the reenlistment code was "RE-1J," and the separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164."

Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

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

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corrective action, taken under the authority of reference (a), has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

4/2/2024

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