



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 2780-24  
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From: Chairman, Board for Correction of Naval Records  
To: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF ■■■■■  
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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  
(3) Subject's naval record (excerpts)

1. Pursuant to the provisions of reference (a), Petitioner, a former member of the Navy, filed enclosure (1) requesting his naval record be corrected consistent with references (b) and (c). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ■■■■■, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 1 April 2024, and pursuant to its regulations, determined that the corrective action indicated below should be taken. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of Petitioner's application together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of Petitioner's naval record, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include references (b) and (c).

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 Navy and began a period of active service on 21 July 1999.

d. On 8 December 2000, Petitioner received non-judicial punishment (NJP) for wrongfully having a male residing in his Bachelor's Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) room and wrongfully

committing an indecent act with a male civilian, by kissing him on the mouth. Petitioner was notified, the same day, of administrative separation processing by reason of homosexual conduct and commission of a serious offense with a least favorable characterization of Under Other Than Honorable conditions (OTH). Petitioner waived his rights to consult counsel, request a hearing before an administrative board, and to provide a statement to rebut the separation. Petitioner's Commanding Officer recommended separation, the discharge authority directed an OTH characterization of service. On 22 December 2000, he was so discharged.

f. 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, and especially in light of references (b) and (c), the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted that although Petitioner received NJP during his enlistment, the facts surrounding his discharge were within the scope of references (b) and (c) and were absent aggravating factors that would warrant an OTH characterization of service under those references.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending 22 December 2000, indicating his character of service as "Honorable," separation authority as "MILPERSMAN 3630900," separation code as "JFF," narrative reason for separation as "Secretarial Authority," and reenlistment code as "RE-1J."

That Petitioner be issued an Honorable discharge certificate.

That no further changes be made to Petitioner's record.

That 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.

4/23/2024

