



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 3047-24  
Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER ■■■■■■■■■■,  
USN, XXX-XX-■■■■■

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 her naval record be corrected by upgrading the characterization of service on her Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) consistent with references (b) and (c). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■, and ■■■■■■■■■■, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 10 June 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 28 June 1960.

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d. On 16 November 1961, Petitioner submitted a written request for an undesirable discharge in order to avoid trial by court-martial for homosexual conduct. As part of her request, she provided an admission of her homosexual conduct. Petitioner's request was granted and her commanding officer was directed to issue her an under Other Than Honorable conditions (OTH) discharge. Petitioner was so discharged on 14 December 1961.

f. Petitioner contends she was a victim of harassment and not a willing participant, the applicable policy is no longer in place, and the entire experience caused her significant mental distress. Petitioner included a personal statement, her marriage license, a letter from her priest, reference letters, and a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) letter from 1978.

g. 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 Petitioner's record supports that she was solely discharged on the basis of homosexuality with no aggravating factors.

## RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214, for the period ending 14 December 1961, indicating her character of service as "Honorable," separation authority as "Art C-10306, BuPers Manual," separation code as "21L," narrative reason for separation as "Convenience of the Government – for other good and sufficient reason (non-derogatory) when determined by proper authority," and reenlistment code as "RE-1J".

That she 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.

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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.

6/27/2024

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]