



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
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Docket No. 5290-24

Ref: Signature Date

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

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 service member, filed enclosure (1) requesting his name be corrected on his DD Form 214. Enclosures (1) and (2) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 24 July 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.

3. The Board, having reviewed all the facts of record pertaining to Petitioner's allegations of error 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 Marine Corps and began a period of active service on 24 February 1981. He was honorably discharged upon completion of his required active service on 23 February 1985.

d. Petitioner contends the first name reflected on his DD Form 214 is not correct. He states he first received a social security card prior to enlisting and his name was incorrectly entered under his nickname of ██████████” He contends while enlisting in the Marine Corps he told the

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recruiter [REDACTED] was not his legal name but the recruiter elected to use the name reflected on the social security card. As a result, Petitioner's first name throughout the majority of his Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) is [REDACTED].

e. In support of his application, Petitioner provided a letter explaining the issue, a previous denial letter from HQMC, his birth certificate documenting his legal name, and copies of the following documents, all indicating variants of his legal name: his driver's license, social security card, MTA card, DHS card, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) ID card, a letter from the Social Security Administration, and a letter from the VA.

#### CONCLUSION

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

Based on the evidence presented, the Board determined Petitioner's legal first name was not used during his military service. The Board concluded the evidence provided by Petitioner was sufficient to establish that, as a matter of injustice, Petitioner's DD Form 214 should be changed to reflect his legal first name.

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

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Petitioner be issued a new Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) indicating his name as [REDACTED]. All other information shall remain the same.

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

8/22/2024

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