



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 6374-23
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/ enclosures

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 social security number (SSN) be corrected in his discharge records.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 8 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, applicable statutes, regulations.

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. Although Petitioner's application was not filed in a timely manner, the Board found it in the interest of justice to waive the statute of limitations and consider the case on its merits.

b. Petitioner enlisted in the Marine Corps on 3 June 1986, at which time both his enlistment contract and application for enlistment documented the first three digits of his SSN as "██████."

c. During service, Petitioner's records continued to reflect "██████" as the first three digits of his SSN.

d. At the time of his discharge on 2 June 1992, Petitioner's SSN in his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) likewise documented "██████" as the first three digits of his SSN in block 3 of the form.

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e. Petitioner contends that the entry of “[REDACTED]” as the first three digits during the entirety of his enlistment was erroneous and that, he discovered in 2018, the correct first three digits of his SSN are, instead, “[REDACTED]” when the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) identified the issue. In support of his contentions regarding the correct SSN, he provided front and back copies of his verso [REDACTED] social security card issued by the Social Security Administration reflecting that the first three digits of his number are “[REDACTED]” rather than “[REDACTED]” with a single digit error. He also submitted a letter from Headquarters Marine Corps, dated 25 July 2018, stating that he could not be identified as a Marine by using the SSN issued with “[REDACTED]” because it was inconsistent with his service records.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded that Petitioner’s request warrants favorable action in the form of relief.

The Board also found that the SSN card, which Petitioner provided as evidence of his correct SSN, was sufficiently reliable to establish that a single digit error had occurred. Accordingly, the Board determined that it is in the interest of justice to grant the requested relief.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 2 June 1992, indicating that his social security number in block 3 was “[REDACTED].”

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

7/25/2024

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