



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6616-24

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) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 w/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 to correct his date of birth (DOB) on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) and change his primary specialty listed on his DD Form 214 to reflect Aviation Boatswains' Mate - Aircraft Handling (ABH).

2. The Board, consisting of ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■, and ■■■■■■■■■■, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 6 November 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, 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. 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 Navy and began a period of active duty on 14 August 1995. Petitioner's enlistment documents list his birthday as ■■■■■■■■■■. On 13 August 1998, Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service. He was issued a DD Form 214 that erroneously listed his DOB as ■■■■■■■■■■. In addition, his DD Form 214 listed his primary specialty as "DG-9760 (AN) Electrical/Mechanical Equipment Repairman."

c. Petitioner contends the following injustices warranting relief:

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(1) His DOB is incorrect on the DD Form 214¹.

(2) He worked on the flight deck and was an Aviation Boatswains' Mate - Aircraft Handling (ABH).

(3) His correct military occupational specialty (MOS) is vital for jobs and benefits.

(4) His DD Form 214 does not accurately reflect his service in Operation Southern Watch.

CONCLUSION

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that, given the totality of his circumstances, Petitioner's request merits partial relief. Specifically, as noted above, the Board determined an error exists with Petitioner's DOB on his DD Form 214 and requires correction.

Regarding Petitioner's request to change his primary specialty listed on his DD Form 214, there is no evidence in the record that shows Petitioner attained the MOS of ABH. In the absence of such evidence, the Board concluded no additional changes were warranted to Petitioner's DD Form 214.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above, the Board recommends that the following corrective action be taken on Petitioner's naval record in the interests of justice:

That Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 13 August 1998, indicating his DOB was "[REDACTED]".

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

That a copy of this record of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

4. It is certified that 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 Regulations, Section 723.6(e)), and having assured compliance with its provisions, it is hereby announced that the foregoing

¹ Petitioner provided a copy of his certificate of birth and driver's license that substantiated the DOB listed on his enlistment documents.

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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.

12/2/2024

