



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 6718-24
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Dear ██████████

This is in reference to your application for correction of your naval record pursuant to Section 1552 of Title 10, United States Code. After careful and conscientious consideration of relevant portions of your naval record and your application, the Board for Correction of Naval Records (Board) found the evidence submitted insufficient to establish the existence of probable material error or injustice. Consequently, your application has been denied.

Although your 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 your case on its merits. A three-member panel of the Board, sitting in executive session, considered your application on 16 January 2025. The names and votes of the members of the panel will be furnished upon request. Your allegations of error and injustice were reviewed in accordance with administrative regulations and procedures applicable to the proceedings of this Board. Documentary material considered by the Board consisted of your application, together with all material submitted in support thereof, relevant portions of your naval record and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies. In addition, the Board considered the advisory opinion contained in Commander, Navy Personnel Command memorandum 1900 PERS-312/SA of 14 August 2024, which was previously provided to you for comment.

On 10 February 1979, you enlisted in the U.S. Naval reserve for 6 years with an Expiration of Obligated Service of 9 February 1985.

You were discharged with an honorable character of service and were issued a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for the period of 15 June 1979 to 14 March 1983 within three months of expiration of enlistment.

You were transferred to the Fleet Reserve with an honorable character of service and were issued a DD Form 214 for the period of 15 March 1983 to 30 June 2001 upon having sufficient service for retirement.

On 19 April 2024, the United States Postal Service notified you that, “[a] review of your records reveals that we need your 00214(8), *Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty*

(Member 4 copy) for all periods of active duty. We are missing your military service with the Navy from 06/1979 to 03/14/1983. The DD Form 214 must be a "Member 4" copy or one that contains character of service and time lost information. Although you may have submitted this document when you were initially hired, certain records were not retained during that time. Note: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) requires a copy of all periods of active duty. Failure to provide the DD214's will result in a delay of processing of your Retirement paperwork and annuity."

You requested your DD Form 214 effective 30 June 2001 item 12a (Date Entered AD This Period) reflect 15 June 1979 vice 15 March 1983 and item 12d (Total Prior Service This Period) 00 00 00 vice 03 09 00. The Board in its review of your entire record and application, carefully weighed all potentially mitigating factors, to include your assertions. You assert that you need this correction to show conclusive evidence of your entire service from June 1979 through June 2001. However, the Board concluded that a review of your record shows that you were issued two DD Form 214s in your career. Together, they cover your continuous active service from 15 June 1979 to 30 June 2001. Therefore, the Board determined that your record is correct and a change to your record is not warranted. In this connection, the Board substantially concurred with the comments contained in the aforementioned advisory opinion.

You are entitled to have the Board reconsider its decision upon submission of new matters, which will require you to complete and submit a new DD Form 149. New matters are those not previously presented to or considered by the Board. In this regard, it is important to keep in mind that a presumption of regularity attaches to all official records. Consequently, when applying for a correction of an official naval record, the burden is on the applicant to demonstrate the existence of probable material error or injustice.

Sincerely,

1/17/2025

