

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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> Docket No. 6870-24 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

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 her naval record be corrected by changing her record consistent with references (b) and (c).

- 2. The Board, consisting of ______, and ______, and ______, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 July 2024 and, pursuant to its regulations, determined 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 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 Naval Reserves on 9 August 1998. On 30 May 2002, Petitioner was honorably discharged by reason of acceptance of a commission in the Naval Reserves. The same day, Petitioner commenced a period of active duty after commissioning. On 19 August 2004, Petitioner admitted her engagement in homosexual acts. Subsequently, she requested to be administratively separated for cause. On 16 December 2004, the Chief of Naval Personnel recommended the acceptance of the Petitioner's qualified resignation request with an

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"Honorable" discharge characterization by reason of homosexual admission. On 12 January 2005, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy approved the Petitioner's request. On 28 February 2005, Petitioner was discharged with an Honorable characterization of service by reason of homosexual admission.

d. Reference (c) sets forth the Department of the Defense'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 guidance to normally grant requests to change the narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," SPD code to "JFF," and reenlistment 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) through (c), the Board concludes Petitioner's request warrants relief. In the making of this finding, the Board noted Petitioner's record supports that she was solely discharged on the basis of her homosexual admission. Therefore, the Board determined Petitioner is entitled to full relief under reference (c).

RECOMMENDATION:

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

That Petitioner be issued a new DD Form 214 indicating, for the period ending 28 February 2005, her narrative reason for separation was "Secretarial Authority," separation authority was "MILPERSMAN 1910-164," separation code was "JFF1", and reentry code was "RE-1J."

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

A copy of this report of proceedings be filed in Petitioner's naval record.

- 5. 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.
- 6. 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

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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.

8/13/2024

