



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 7296-24

Ref: Signature Date

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

Subj: REVIEW OF NAVAL RECORD OF FORMER MEMBER █, USNR, 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 w/attachments  
(2) Naval record (excerpts)

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 his record be changed consistent with references (b) and (c).

2. The Board, consisting of █, █ and █, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 12 August 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, to include references (b) and (c).

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 U.S. Navy Reserve began a period of active duty on 19 October 1965.

c. On 23 August 1965, Petitioner received nonjudicial punishment (NJP) for the loss of military property.

d. On 20 September 1966, Petitioner submitted a statement to the office of naval intelligence admitting to homosexual acts.

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e. On 21 September 1966, Petitioner was notified of administrative separation processing due to homosexual acts. He waived his procedural rights to consult with counsel and to have his case heard before an administrative discharge board. Ultimately, the Separation Authority directed his separation for unfitness and Petitioner was discharged with an Other Than Honorable (OTH) characterization of service on 24 October 1966.

f. Petitioner contends the repeal of DADT (Don't Ask, Don't Tell) allows for discharge upgrades, although proud of his service, he is reticent to talk about it because it leads to questions of why he left the military, so he avoids talking about it, and his spouse of 34 years has encouraged him to submit his request.

g. 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 characterization of service to "Honorable," narrative reason for discharge to "Secretarial Authority," and a SPD code to "JFF," 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.

h. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, Petitioner provided a personal statement, official military personnel file (OMPF) documents, his resume, and his undergraduate transcript.

#### CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concludes that Petitioner's request warrants relief. The Board noted Petitioner's record supports that he was solely discharged on the basis of homosexuality. Additionally, even though Petitioner's record contains additional misconduct, the Board concluded it was minor and did not form the basis for his administrative separation processing. Therefore, the Board found no aggravating factors in Petitioner's record and determined he was entitled to full relief under reference (c).

#### 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 new Certificate of Release from Active Duty (DD Form 214) reflecting that, for the period ending 24 October 1966, Petitioner's characterization of service was "Honorable," the narrative reason for separation was "Convenience of the Government-Other good and sufficient reasons (non-derogatory) when determined by proper authority," the SPD code assigned was "21L," and the separation authority was "BUPERSMAN, Article C-10306."

Petitioner will be issued an Honorable Discharge Certificate.

That no further correction action be taken on Petitioner's naval record.

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

9/11/2024

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]