



**DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**  
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS  
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Docket No. 8161-24

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 for a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) for his period of Honorable service from 28 December 1983 to 23 November 1987.

2. The Board, consisting of ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■, and ■■■■■■■■■■, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 11 December 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 28 December 1983. Petitioner subsequently completed this enlistment with an Honorable characterization of service on 23 November 1987 and immediately reenlisted. Petitioner was not issued a DD Form 214 for his period of Honorable service.

c. Petitioner was later discharged from the Navy, on 17 January 1990, with a Bad Conduct Discharge characterization of service.

d. Petitioner contends that he served honorably in the Navy from 28 December 1983 to

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24 November 1987 and he was never given a DD Form 214 for that period of service. Thus, he asserts he has been prohibited from obtaining Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, including VA healthcare.

e. For purposes of clemency and equity consideration, the Board considered the supporting documentation Petitioner provided in support of his application.

## CONCLUSION

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants relief. Specifically, as discussed above, Petitioner was never issued a DD Form 214 for his period of Honorable service from 28 December 1983 to 23 November 1987.

Applicable regulations authorizes that a DD Form 214 will be furnished to service members while serving on active duty when they have discharged for the purpose of reenlistment. As a result, the Board determined Petitioner's naval record shall be corrected to reflect his period of Honorable active service with the issuance of a DD Form 214 for the period from 28 December 1983 to 23 November 1987.

## 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 shall be issued a DD Form 214, for the period from 28 December 1983 to 23 November 1987.

Furthermore, that Petitioner's DD Form 214, for the period ending 23 November 1987, indicates the appropriate narrative reason for separation, separation authority, separation code, and reenlistment code, and accurately reflect all primary specialties, decorations, medals, badges, citations, campaign ribbons awarded, and military education based on his active-duty period of service from 28 December 1983 to 23 November 1987.

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

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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.

1/10/2025

