



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF NAVAL RECORDS
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Docket No. 8398-24
Ref: Signature Date

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

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Ref: (a) Title 10 U.S.C. §1552

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 administrative corrections to his DD Form 214. Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 22 January 2025 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, 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 the enclosure was not filed in a timely manner, the statute of limitation was waived in the interests of justice.

c. Petitioner enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and began a period of active duty on 18 November 1969. Petitioner deployed in support of ██████████ from 30 December 1970 until 15 June 1971. Petitioner was honorably discharged and transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve on 17 November 1972. Upon his discharge, he was issued a reentry code of "RE-3A."

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d. Petitioner contends his birthdate and reentry code on his DD Form 214 are erroneous. Additionally, Petitioner requests that his name be changed on his DD Form 214 in accordance with his 1 February 2000 court order and the Presidential Unit Citation also be added.

CONCLUSION:

Upon careful review and consideration of all of the evidence of record, the Board determined that Petitioner's request warrants partial relief. Specifically, the Board determined Petitioner provided sufficient evidence that his last name should be changed on his DD Form 214. Further, the Board agreed with Petitioner that his assigned reentry code is erroneous based on his record.

Notwithstanding the recommended corrective action below, the Board found no error with Petitioner's date of birth on his DD Form 214. In reviewing his record, the Board found that it matches his enlistment contract and the date Petitioner indicated on his application. Additionally, the Board concluded insufficient evidence exists that Petitioner's DD Form 214 erroneously lists his awards; specifically, the omission of the Presidential Unit Citation. However, the Board concluded the Marine Corps shall conduct a review of Petitioner's service record and issue him all awards and decorations he earned.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

Petitioner be issued a Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 215), for the period ending 17 November 1972, indicating the following changes:

Block 1. Last Name – First Name – Middle Name: "[REDACTED]"
Block 15. Reenlistment Code: "RE-1A"

That Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (HQMC) shall conduct a review of Petitioner's record to determine eligibility for all awards during his period of active duty. Upon completion of the review, HQMC is authorized add any missing awards to the above DD Form 215, as required.

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

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

4. 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.

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 Regulation, 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 the reference, has been approved by the Board on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

2/7/2025

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]