



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
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Docket No. 8584-24
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) USECDEF Memo, "Guidance to Military Discharge Review Boards and Boards for Correction of Military/Naval Records Regarding Equity, Injustice, or Clemency Determinations," of 25 July 2018

Encl: (1) DD Form 149 with attachments
(2) Case Summary
(3) Subject's Naval record (DD Form 214)

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 his naval record be corrected to add his previous period of Honorable Service on his Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214). Enclosures (1) through (3) apply.

2. The Board, consisting of ██████████, ██████████, and ██████████, reviewed Petitioner's allegations of error and injustice on 30 October 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, and applicable statutes, regulations, and policies, to include reference (b).

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. After a period of Honorable service in the Navy that commenced on 21 July 1987, Petitioner was discharged on 23 June 1991 and immediately reenlisted in the Navy. Ultimately, he was discharged for drug abuse on 4 September 1991 with an Other Than Honorable characterization of service.

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d. At the time of his final discharge, Petitioner received a DD Form 214 that failed to document his previous period of active service from 21 July 1987 to 23 June 1991.

CONCLUSION:

Upon review and consideration of all the evidence of record, the Board concluded Petitioner's request merits relief. As discussed, Petitioner's DD Form 214 does not document his previous period of continuous Honorable service and requires correction.

The Board was aware that the Navy no longer issues a separate DD Form 214 to enlisted personnel at the completion of each individual enlistment, and instead makes appropriate notations in the Block 18 Remarks section upon their final discharge or retirement from the armed forces reflecting such previous enlistments.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, the Board finds the existence of an error warranting the following corrective action:

That Petitioner be issued a "Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" (DD Form 215), for the period ending 4 September 1991, to reflect the following comment added to the Block 18 Remarks section:

"CONTINUOUS HONORABLE SERVICE FROM 21JUL1987 TO 23JUN1991."

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 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.

11/19/2024

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Executive Director

Signed by: [REDACTED]